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"REDS" NEARING SWATOW.

COMMUNISTS MAKING ADVANCE.

BIG VILLAGE REPORTED ON FIRE.

REFUGEES' FLIGHT.

Swatow, Jan. 23.

There is much speculation, which the authorities are at no pains to set at rest, as to what is really happening with regard to Chang Fat-kwai's "Ironside" troops. One view is that Chan Ming-shu is well-known to be a Chiang Kai-shek man, that in the widening breach he is without doubt on that side, and that he has therefore come to terms with Chang Fat-kwai. Chang's reputation has suffered too much for him to retain command and he will resign, leaving his army to be enrolled with Chan Ming-shu. At the same time Chan Tsai-thang, who was originally allied with Li Chai-sun, was annoyed at not being allowed to push on to Canton, and has at Hweichow declared himself opposed to the Canton regime. The two generals are, if these rumours are true, in a position to lead Chiang Kai-shek's advance against Canton. Appeal is made to local participation, the cry being "Canton for the Cantonese" as against Kwangsi, although neither Chiang Kai-shek nor Chan Ming-shu is a Cantonese.

Deaf to Appeals.

However this may be, the military authorities continue to be deaf to the appeals of refugees from the Hai-Luk Fung districts. The Communist power there seemed on the eve of collapse before it was reinforced by the portion of Chang Fat-kwai's troops who found their way to the district. The villagers had risen and organised themselves with considerable ability after the outrageous order that at the New Year (foreign style) each village was to produce ten heads for exhibition at the various centres. They had from a strong centre at Nung-tung successfully retained Luk-fung, and inflicted considerable losses on the Communists, mostly soldiers who had been in the "Red" armies which were driven out of Swatow in October.

Now that Phan Phu has been strengthened with Chang Fat-kwai's troops his power is in the ascendant and he is said to be taking a terrible revenge on those who rose against him. Many places have suffered from both sides, and the unfortunate population lives in terror.

People in Terror.

There is said to be a subordinate commander of Chang Fat-kwai's Army who is native of the district, and to whom appeal is being made to deliver the countryside. He has about a thousand rifles under him, and is stationed about thirty miles from Hai-hong. He is said to be willing to act if given office from Swatow, and to have been in communication on the matter. Whether he will eventually act, and if so, whether he is strong enough to be effective, remains to be seen. It is difficult to see how Phan Phu can be kept within the bounds of the unfortunate region on which he has fastened his malignant power; the adjoining region will have to look to themselves unless the fact that originally he began his work under the aegis of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen can still protect him. More likely is the explanation which is freely given that there is little kudos to be gained by taking the district of Hai-luk Fung and that the eyes of generals are fixed on bigger game.

Communists Advancing.

News is to hand that Phan Phu's Communist forces are making considerable advance. A Roman Catholic village near to Hai-luk, which is the district city of the district adjoining Luk-fung, has hitherto kept the Communists at bay, as it was compact, united and had arms. With the addition of the new forces to the Communists, however, it now that the position had become untenable, and with the enemy already only a few miles away, the whole village one night took the road and are coming up to Swatow, about a thousand refugees in all. The Catholics are doing what is possible to receive them, getting in steam for bedding and putting up makeshifts.

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SINGAPORE CRIME WAVE.

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS TO BE RESTRICTED.

SPECIAL ORDINANCE.

Singapore, Jan. 23.

An Ordinance is published authorising the Governor of the Straits Settlements to restrict the immigration of labourers into the Colony, and to expel prohibited immigrant labourers.

It is held that the Ordinance is necessary in view of the numerous shooting outrages during the past year. There has been a large increase in the number of Chinese bad characters in Singapore, which the Ordinance explains "is forced to play the role of a filter bed to intercept and retain undesirable elements."

In this connection, the Press praises the recent sentences of corporal punishment on Chinese guilty of violence.—*Reuter.*

MORE TENSION AT KIUKIANG.

FEARS OF A COMMUNIST OUTBREAK.

Kiukiang, Jan. 23.

Fears of a Communist outbreak here are growing, tension having become noticeable in the last few days.—*Naval Wireless.*

Troop Movements.

Changsha, Jan. 23.
The 3rd Army has moved to Pingsiang, which is south-east of Shangsha and on the Hunan-Kiangsi border. The movement

STEAMERS COLLIDE.

N. Y. K. Boats Badly
Damaged.

Moji, Jan. 24.

The N.Y.K. steamers Ohmi Maru and Kasuga Maru collided yesterday morning inside the port of Moji.

Both vessels suffered serious damage as a result of the collision.—*Reuter.*

may have been made with the idea of opposing a retreat of the 35th and 36th armies.—*Naval Wireless.*

Hankow Situation.

Hankow, Jan. 23.
There is no change in the situation here. Martial law is still being enforced.—*Naval Wireless.*

TURKISH COMMUNISTS SENTENCED.

OVER TWENTY SENT TO PRISON.

Constantinople, Jan. 23.
The trial of the sixty Communists, arrested on November 20th for distributing literature among workers at a tobacco factory, has concluded. They were found guilty of treasonable practices and the head of the organisation was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with hard labour. Twenty-four others were sentenced, some to three months and some to two months imprisonment, while twenty-five were acquitted.—*Reuter.*

NOTED ANARCHIST'S DEATH.

RUSSIAN ASSASSINATION RECALLED.

Riga, Jan. 22.
A message from Moscow announces the death of the noted revolutionary leader, M. Sikorsky, who was sentenced in 1904 to a term of twenty years penal servitude in Siberia for his complicity in the assassination of the Russian statesman, M. Plohe.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH CRUISER HITS OILER.

COLLISION IN DORO CHANNEL.

CHIEF OFFICER KILLED AND STEWARD MISSING.

CRASH DURING NIGHT.

London, Jan. 22.

Cruising in the darkness through the Doro Channel in the Aegean Sea in the early hours of Friday morning, the British cruiser, H.M.S. Caledon, crashed into an Italian oil-tanker. The tanker was completely disabled, her Chief Officer was killed outright at the time of the collision, while nothing has been seen of a steward since the accident.

An Admiralty communique reporting the collision between the Caledon, which is a cruiser similar in most respects to H.M.S. Carlisle, and the Italian oiler, the s.s. Antares, states that after the mishap, H.M.S. Caledon, with her bows badly damaged, succeeded in reaching Karysto Bay, Euboea.

Meanwhile, H.M.S. Cardiff and H.M.S. Calypso, of the Third Cruiser Squadron, are standing by.

The oiler Antares, which was seriously damaged, has been towed to Piraeus by H.M.S. Ceres. The Admiralty expresses regret that the Chief Officer was killed and that a steward is missing.—*British Wireless.*

ANCIENT BARBARIC FALLACY.

LORD CREWE'S FRANK SPEECH IN PARIS.

London, Jan. 23.

Lord Crewe, the British Ambassador in Paris, speaking at the British Chamber of Commerce, Paris, to-night, stated that it was likely to be the last occasion on which he would attend that annual gathering as an official guest, and expressed satisfaction at the co-operation existing between the Embassy and the Chamber during his Ambassadorship.

After referring to Britain's improved industrial outlook, Lord Crewe expressed the view that taken as a whole the economic recovery of Europe was proceeding steadily.

He believed the people were finally regarding as ancient and barbaric the fallacy that a country must look with suspicion on the prosperity of its neighbours. Even though France, Britain or Germany individually may profit by the absence of foreign competition, each country as a whole lost by blocking international trade.—*British Wireless.*

RAILWAY SMASH.

HEAVY CASUALTIES IN BENGAL WRECK.

Gorakhpur, Jan. 23.

Seven natives were killed and eleven seriously injured as the result of an accident to a mixed goods and passenger train on the Bengal-Northwestern Railway.

While running between Halayhat and Kishenpur last night, the train broke in two, the leading goods truck being derailed. A passenger coach crashed into the wreckage resulting in the severe casualties.—*Reuter.*

LABOUR PARTY MAY FORM CABINET.

Oslo, Jan. 24.
Owing to the inability of M. Mellbye to form a non-Labour Coalition Government, the King has summoned M. Madson, the parliamentary leader of the Labour Party who will try to form a Government.—*Reuter.*

U.S. NICARAGUAN OPERATIONS.

EXPEDITION TO DISLODGE SANDINO.

LONG ROUTE MARCH.

Managua, Jan. 23.

An important development in the American operations in Nicaragua is marked by the departure from Leon of a force of a thousand Marines, who are engaged in a long route march over hill, river and jungle to the State of Nueva Segovia, where General Sandino with his band is concealed in the mountain fastness and has withstood the efforts of the United States to dislodge him for over a year.

The town of Leon bore the appearance of a station on the North-West frontier of India, prior to the departure of the Marine expedition to punish Sandino and his unruly tribesmen.

Remarkable Scene.
The narrow streets were choked with mountain batteries, horse artillery, mule ammunition trains, primitive ex-carts and other paraphernalia necessary to cope with the difficult country to be traversed and a wily light-armed foe.

The expedition anticipates that its destination will be reached within a week, and in the meantime, the American Intelligence Service has received information to the effect that General Sandino has recently been considerably reinforced from the East Coast.

Sandino's new followers are all armed with rifles, formerly owned by the Government.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RAMSAY MACDONALD'S PLEA.

LABOUR PARTY MUST PULL TOGETHER.

London, Jan. 24.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is endeavouring to promote greater cohesion within the Labour ranks as a preliminary to the new Parliamentary session, and he appeals in the weekly *Forward* for discipline during the "testing year."

He says that for the past twelve months, the Party's weakness has been from within, censuring the critics who have mostly had their own way. People who cared for the party were reluctant to hit back but a General Election demands team work and programmes bearing some relation to possibilities. He says that the attempt to divide the party into a Right and a Left in order to indicate a low and high degree of energy in service and capacity in execution is a fraudulent imposition upon the public.—*Reuter.*

SENATOR BORAH ON U.S. POLICY.

"WILD AND EXCITED STATEMENTS."

Washington, Jan. 23.
The statements attributed to the Commandant of the New York Navy Yard, that the United States is nearer to war to-day than ever because she is pursuing a competitive trade policy and crowding other nations into the background, has evoked a reply by Senator Borah, who describes such "wild and excited statements about war as sheer madness. They are put out by naval men as a notice to all the world, particularly Britain, to get ready for war and they are being so interpreted throughout the world. I regard such declarations as mischievous in the last degree."—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH TRADE.

EXPORTS EXCEED IMPORTS.

Paris, Jan. 23.
French imports during 1927 totalled 52,652,000,000 francs, and exports amounted to 55,224,000,000 francs.—*Reuter.*

SAMOA SITUATION SERIOUS.

N.Z. PREMIER'S CLEAR STATEMENT.

EUROPEAN DISCONTENT NOT JUSTIFIED.

NATIVE INTERESTS.

Wellington, Jan. 24.

A vigorous assertion of New Zealand's future policy, with regard to Samoa, was made by the Prime Minister, Mr. Coates, in the course of a lengthy statement on the recent deportation of Europeans.

He said the position was serious and that sufficient mischief had already been done to prejudice Samoa's prosperity for many years. He attributed the recent disorders partly to European discontent with the policy of prohibiting liquor. The present movement was due to the Administration's experimental policy of native copra selling which was threatening the business and wealth of the traders of whom the deported named Nelson was "the largest and most influential."

"Handful of Europeans."
Mr. Coates claimed that the Administration and the New Zealand Government were determined to enforce authority, preferring the interests of the large number of natives to the interests of a handful of Europeans.

Meanwhile, a man named Gurr, one of three deportees from Samoa, had not been allowed to land in America. It is reported that the Samoan natives have begun to boycott New Zealand goods.—*Reuter.*

At the conclusion, last month, of the investigation on the spot of the complaints against the administration of Samoa by the self-constituted citizens' committee headed by a merchant named Nelson, the Royal Commission voluminously reported that the conditions under which the Samoans sold copra to the traders are unjust and unreasonable.

The report condemns the action of the Europeans mixing with the natives purely native grievances, and finally declares that the accusation that the administrator has not paid due regard to the customs and feelings of the natives was unfounded. The report finds against the administration only on three minor points.

O. F. Nelson, E. W. Gurr, A. G. Smyth, whose names were mentioned prominently in connexion with the enquiry into the conditions in Samoa, were deported from West Samoa for 5, 5 and 2 years respectively.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

RECORD FIGURES ESTABLISH OPTIMISM.

London, Jan. 22.
All available space in the London section of the British Industries Fair, to be opened at the White City next month, has now been taken by manufacturers, and the Department of Overseas Trade announced yesterday the formation of a waiting list for the fair of 1929.

Acceptances from Overseas buyers to the Government's invitation to the Fair show an increase of more than 100 per cent on those received at same stage last year, and it is assumed that a record number of buyers are coming, from no fewer than 67 countries.—*British Wireless.*

INDIAN RAILWAYMEN ON STRIKE.

TEN THOUSAND DOWN TOOLS.

Calcutta, Jan. 23.
Ten thousand men employed in the workshops of the East Indian Railway at Lilui, Bengal, have gone on strike, owing to dissatisfaction over wages, aggravated by a reduction of the workers with the

MIDDLE EAST AIR ROUTE.

THE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS ENTERPRISE.

IMMENSE SUCCESS.

London, Jan. 22.

During the first year of its operation the Middle East route of the Imperial Airways maintained a schedule of 91 services between Cairo and Basra and Basra, running with 100 per cent. regularity, while the average lateness of arrival was never more than thirty minutes.

The distances covered exceeded 134,000 miles which were flown in 1,400 flying hours, and the average speed of each journey was 100 miles per hour.

The total mail carried exceeded 103,000 lbs. in weight and the number of separate letters is estimated at nearly 1,900,000. In the first eleven months of the year, 1,135 passengers were carried.

The mail carried by air on the Middle East air route would in normal circumstances reach Basra in thirteen days.—*British Wireless.*

EMPIRE TRADE WITH BRITAIN.

MANCHESTER SAYS LITTLE TRUE RECIPROCITY.

London, Jan. 24.

The annual report of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce refers to the work of the sub-committee on all sections of the cotton trade which has produced suggestions which, it is not too much to hope, may subsequently turn out to be the germs of a revival of trade.

On the subject of tariff barriers, the report says that it is a

INTERPORT RUGBY.

Hongkong Defeats Shanghai.

Shanghai, Jan. 24.

The Rugby Interport match between Shanghai and Hongkong was played yesterday.

In an exciting encounter, the Hongkong team won by the narrow margin of six points to three.—*Reuter.*

Peace, Order, Fair Elections.

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Nicaragua Quite Different.

Havana, Jan. 21.

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MEXICO SPRINGS SURPRISE.

OBJECTION TO U.S. "DOMINATION."

EMBARRASSING PROPOSALS TO BE MADE.

MR. HUGHES' SPEECH.

Havana, Jan. 23.

The Mexican delegation to the Pan-American Conference sprang a surprise by announcing their intention to propose changing the practice of conferring the chairmanship of the Governing Body of the Pan-American Union on the United States, and substituting therefor, an arrangement whereby the chairmanship will go in alphabetical rotation to all nations belonging to the Union.

While there is little expectation that the Mexican proposal will be adopted, the suggestion, which means the end of the continuous United States chairmanship, is the more surprising since it has been understood that the efforts of the U. S. Ambassador to Mexico had resulted in an agreement that Mexico would make no attempt to embarrass the United States at the Conference.—*Reuter's American Service.*

No Political Functions.

Later.

It is also indicated that the Mexican delegation will also propose the rotation system in respect of the Director-General, a post which hitherto has always been held by a citizen of the United States. Further, they will suggest that it be clearly established that in no circumstances shall the Pan-American Union be given political functions.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Hughes' Speech.

Havana, Jan. 22.

Mr. C. E. Hughes, the U.S. Secretary of State, in the course of a speech at a banquet given by the American Chamber of Commerce, Cuba, declared that the United States, far from harbouring imperialistic designs in Latin America, desired to see, south of the Rio Grande, independent strong and prosperous Republics.

He stressed, however, the fact that for full enjoyment of independence, stability was necessary. It was in the cause of stability, therefore, that the United States had sent armies of occupation to Santo Domingo, Haiti and Nicaragua.

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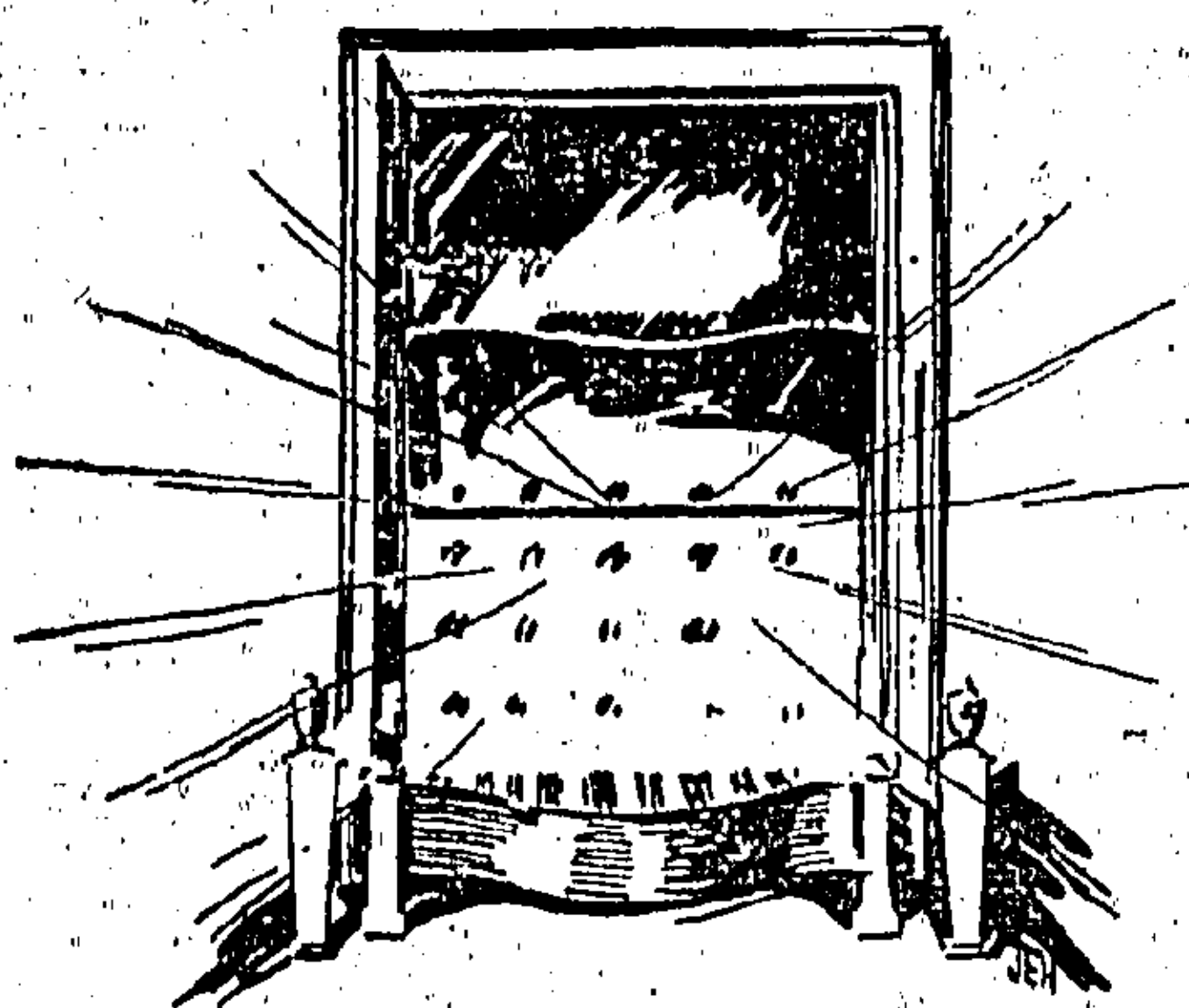
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OBITUARY.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL SIR J. DE ROBECK.

London, Jan. 21.

Following an illness which has lasted for about a year, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John de Robeck, who in 1915 was British Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet in the Dardanelles, died last night.—*British Wireless.*

Mr. M. S. Spencer-Smith.

London, Jan. 21.

The death has occurred, following a motor accident, of Mr. Michael Seymour Spencer-Smith, a director of the Bank of England.

After leaving Oxford, he entered into business with Lord Tiessted, including five years in Japan. He served with distinction during the war, becoming a Lieutenant-Colonel, and was employed as Army Adjutant and Quarter-Master General in Murmansk.—*Reuter.*

Mr. William Du Pont.

Wilmington, Delaware, Jan. 21. The death has occurred here of the millionaire, Mr. William Du Pont, a brother of ex-Senator Du Pont.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Panama Engineer.

New York, Jan. 21.

The death has occurred of Major-General Goethals, the Chief engineer concerned with the construction of the Panama Canal.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mrs. W. E. Wilson.

The sympathy of the community will go out to Inspector W. E. Wilson, of the Hongkong Police, in the loss of his wife, who died on Sunday at the Victoria Hospital.

Mrs. Wilson was before her marriage Miss Helen Arnold, daughter of an old resident of the Far East, her father being well known in engineering circles here and elsewhere. Mrs. Wilson was born in Singapore and was married to Mr. Wilson about two years ago, and last week a baby girl was born to them. Complications unfortunately set in and despite the best medical attention Mrs. Wilson failed to recover.

Her death is a heavy blow to her husband, who is well and favourably known in the Colony as an old member of the Police Force and before that of the Navy.

PRAYERS FOR KING.

NEW MEASURE UP FOR CONSIDERATION.

London, Jan. 21.

Consequent upon the adverse vote of the House of Commons last month, the new Prayer Book measure, embodying the changes which the House of Bishops proposes to make in the rejected measure, is published to-day.

It will be introduced to the Church Assembly at a session beginning on February 6. It is hoped the necessary consents in the Assembly and Convocations will be secured for it to be presented to Parliament by White, Sunday.

One of the principal changes made by the bishops is that prayers for the King shall be compulsory, morning and evening.—*British Wireless.*

New York, Jan. 21.

It is understood that the United States Army has commissioned the Curtis Company to build five light aircraft capable of operating at an altitude of eight miles. They will be known as the Curtis Super Hawk type.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JAPANESE POLITICS.

DIET DISSOLVES AFTER DEFEAT.

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

The Diet has been dissolved. This followed a vote of non-confidence moved by the Opposition following the New Year recess.—*Reuter.*

Osaka, Jan. 21.

The dissolution of the Diet is welcomed as the proper procedure. The Seiyukai (Government) with 189 votes against the Minseitō (Opposition) with 222 votes, has no majority in the Diet, and therefore Baron Tanaka is unable to carry out his policies.

The Seiyukai's success or failure at the forthcoming elections depend on their ability to secure the vote of the masses, who have newly acquired the franchise and show unrest at rising living costs and a tendency to use a new broom.—*Reuter.*

Foreign Policy.

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

Speaking on foreign policy in the Upper House, Baron Tanaka devoted three-fifths of his speech to China.

Deplored the continued disturbances, he pointed out the serious effect from an economic viewpoint, and warned the House that Japan was unable to tolerate any endangering of the lives or property of foreign residents and economic interests of the Japanese.

He reiterated that Japan does not intend to interfere in domestic affairs in China, but emphasised that the Government will not hesitate to take proper measures to ensure her rights and interests and the property of her nationals.

Treaty Violations.

Baron Tanaka referred to the "marked tendency in different parts of the country repeatedly to violate treaties," which, he said, Japan was unable to overlook.

Referring to Manchuria, he stated: "Maybe it is necessary to take these provinces into special consideration" owing to the vital necessity of maintaining peace and order in a territory so close to Japan, but he promised that Japan would continue to respect and observe the principle of the open door and equal opportunity, and stated they would gladly co-operate with the Chinese authorities and people for the economic development of those regions.

Armaments.

Touching upon the question of disarmament, Baron Tanaka regretted the failure of the three-power conference at Geneva and emphasised that Japan's basic principle is to "contribute to the security of world peace and lightening the burdens of the people without losing sight of the safety of our national defence."

America.

Turning to Japan's relations with America, Baron Tanaka regretted that the "question of discriminatory legislation against Japanese immigration still remains unsolved," though he was pleased with the mutual understanding between the two peoples, "which is essential to the solution of such questions" and which was gradually increasing.

The Soviet.

In the course of his speech he referred to the "growing amity" and gradual development of trade with the Soviet, and the satisfactory conclusion of a treaty of commerce with Germany, also the agreement with France regarding residence and navigation in Indo-China.—*Reuter.*

Dissolution Expected.

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

Though it had been generally expected that the Diet would be dissolved shortly after the recess, it was by no means certain till this morning, when the Opposition announced its intention to introduce a vote of non-confidence.

CANTON FIASCO.

SOVIET OPPOSITION POINT OF VIEW.

Berlin, Jan. 21.

"We yield to violence and leave our posts in Soviet work for a senseless and purposeless exile. We do not doubt that each of us will not only still be needed, but will resume his place in the hour of the great struggles which are impending," declares a manifesto issued by the Bolshevik Opposition and published in their German organ.

The document, which is signed, *inter alia*, by Trotsky and Rakovskii, refers to the Communist fiasco at Canton as a "flagrant example of emeutism at a time of revolutionary ebb."

Later, the publication of which is forbidden in Russia, appears in the *Forværdet*, and is signed by Trotsky, Rakovskii, Radek and other exiled leaders.

"We leave the work of the Party for a purposeless and senseless exile, but are convinced that every one of us is valuable to the Party, and in the hour of impending big fights will resume our place in the ranks."—*Reuter.*

PRISON OUTBREAK.

INDIAN CONVICTS GET OUT OF HAND.

Allahabad, Jan. 21.

One hundred convicts of the habitual prisoners' circle at Naini gaol attacked a convict overseer, cut off his nose, and thrashed him and the convict gaolers.

Armed warders rushed up, and 20 prisoners scattered and climbed a roof, whence they threw tiles and other missiles.

The Superintendent warned the prisoners, who took no heed, after which the warders were ordered to open fire.

One convict was killed and 16 wounded, the remainder being overpowered after a struggle in which a number of warders were injured.—*Reuter.*

tion to introduce a vote of non-confidence.

The Government forestalled the actual vote by a dissolution as soon as the Finance Minister had finished his speech.

The Opposition's denunciation of the Government is due to dissatisfaction over the China policy, and the measures adopted for the re-adjustment of the financial and economic situation. "It is particularly held that the Government was responsible for the outbreak of the anti-Japanese movement in China and the Opposition denounced the Shantung expedition as an unforgivable blunder."

It has been decided to hold the General Election on February 20 next.

The law requires a special session to be held within five months. This is expected in April or May.

As the dissolution came before the Budget was passed the current fiscal year's budget is automatically re-enforced. Consequently the special session may probably be very brief, merely passing the Coronation estimates.

The Two Platforms.

Though the Government's main platform is the transfer of the land tax, no real issue exists between the two parties.

Particular interest attaches to the coming election, as it is the first under the universal manhood suffrage by which 10,000,000 new voters ballot. Also the Farmer-Labour Party enters the national election for the first time although it is expected to gain only a few seats.

The expenses of the candidates are variously estimated at from 20,000,000 to 50,000,000 yen.

The dissolution and election, while not especially pleasing to business interests owing to interference with economic readjustments, is not expected seriously to affect the money market or trade.—*Reuter.*

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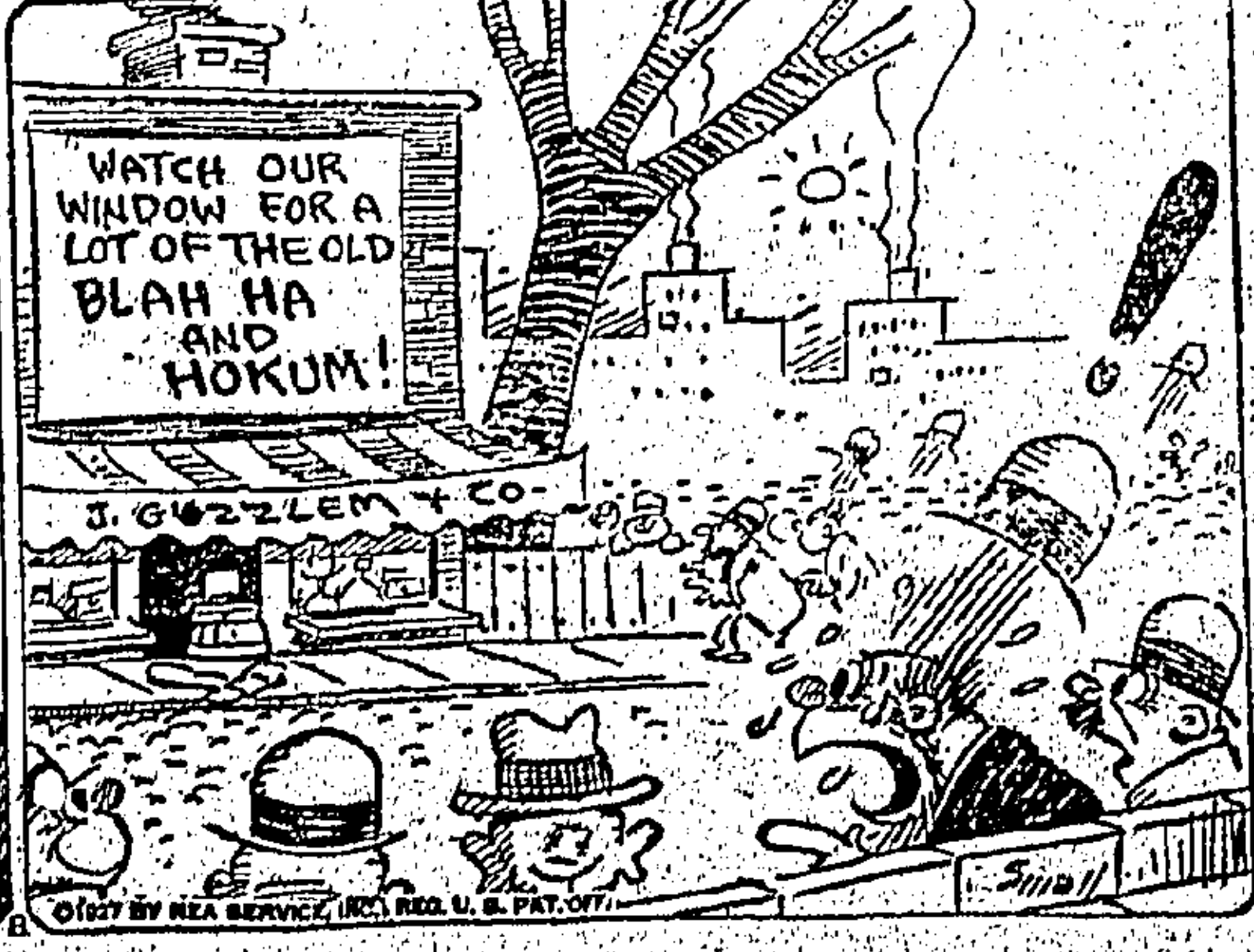
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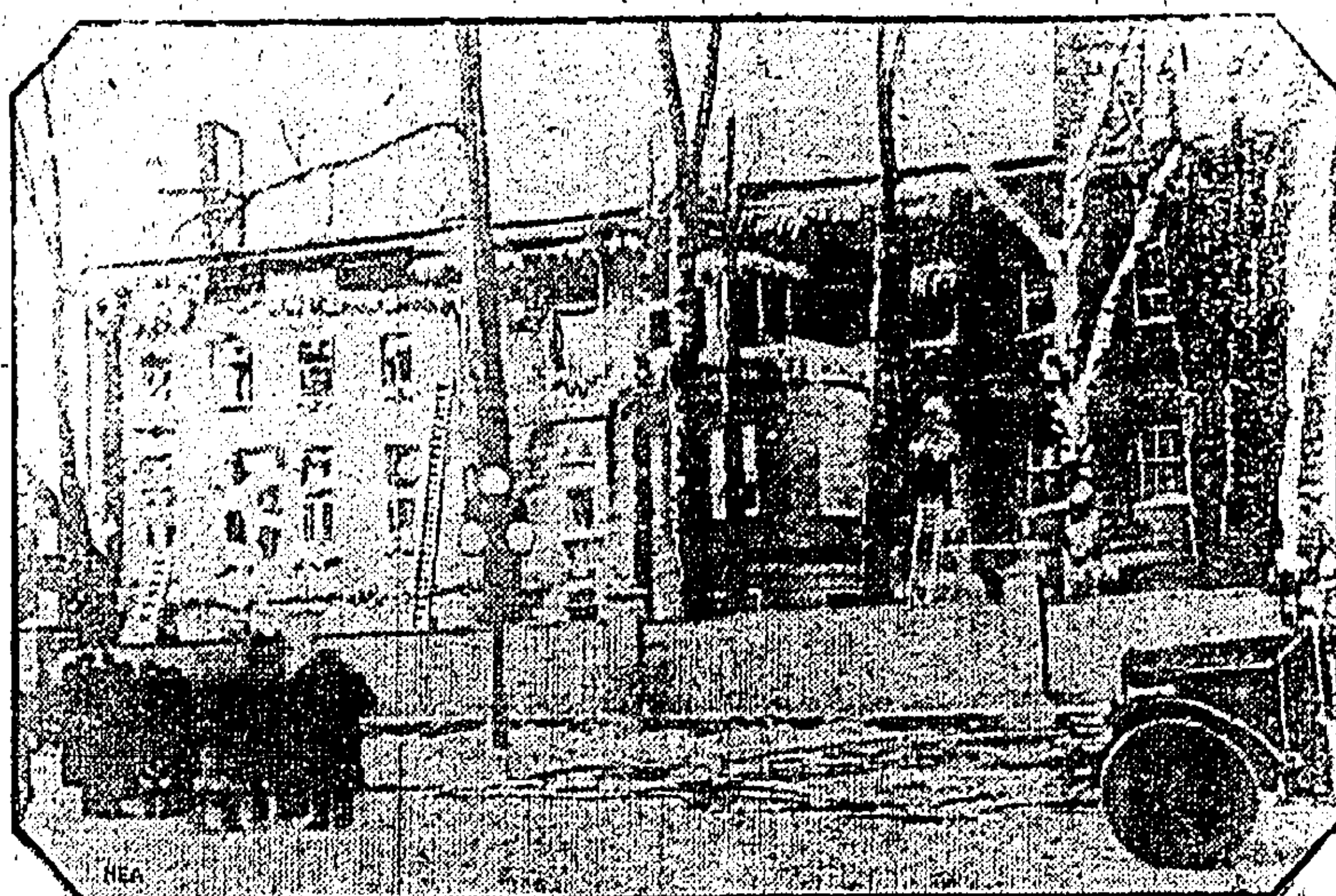
The Heythrop meet at Adlestrop, near Chipping Norton showing the 'field moving to' draw covert. (Times copyright).



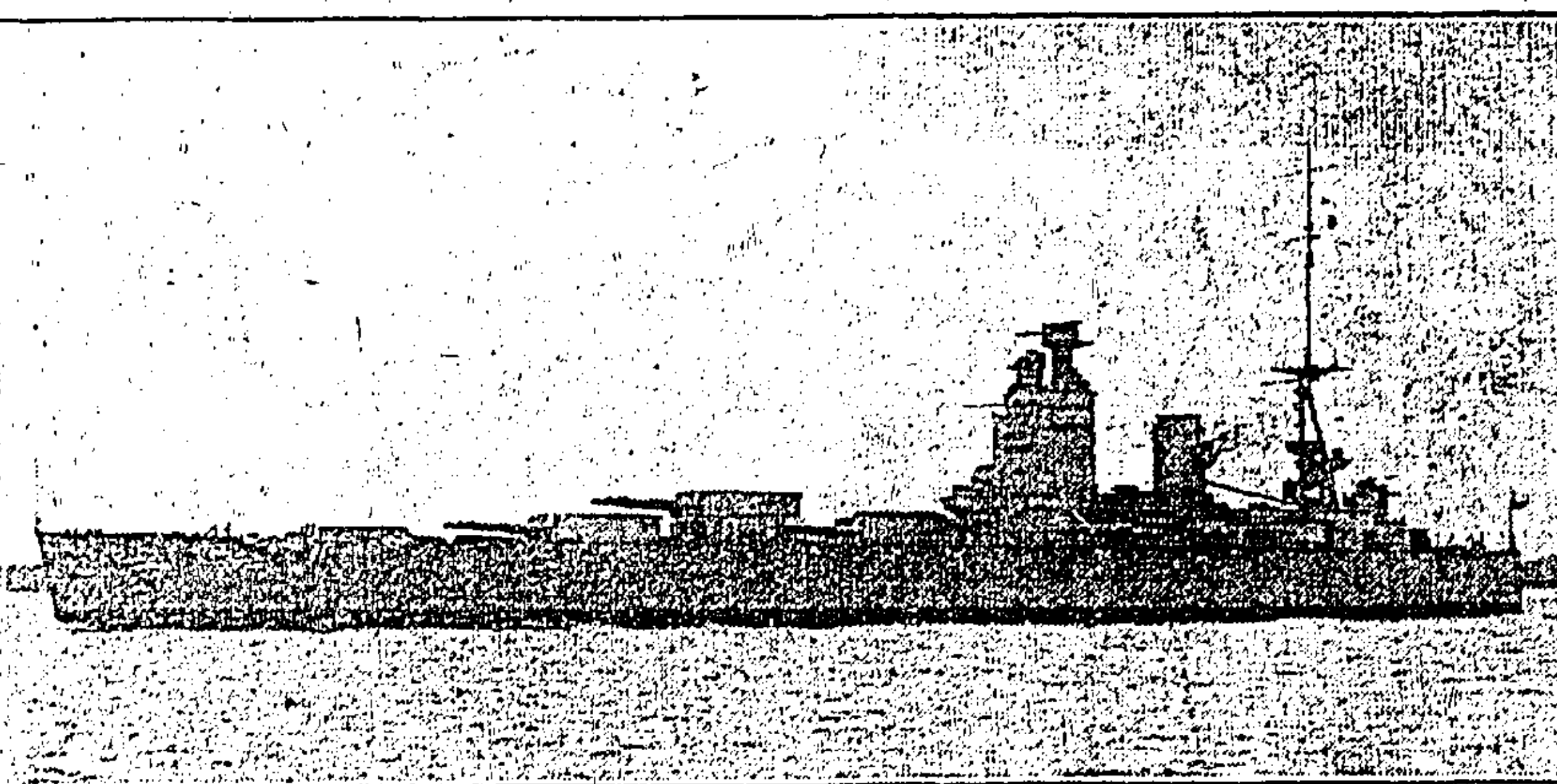
The children's sun room at the Westminster Health Society's headquarters, a new development of this society's excellent work. (Times copyright).



Marion Parker, the little Los Angeles girl who was found murdered a few days after she had been kidnapped. Discovery of her body was made by her father, who had just paid ransom money for her safe release.



This represents the hollow shell of the St. Charles orphanage at Quebec, where at least 50 children are believed to have lost their lives when fire swept through the century-old building. The walls are coated with ice, formed when the firemen played streams of water on the building in freezing weather.



H. M. S. Rodney, sister ship of the Nelson, which has just been commissioned for service with the Atlantic Fleet. She will be commanded by Captain H. K. Kitson, R. N. (Times copyright).



The recent marriage in the Schaumburg Palace at Bonn of Princess Victoria, sister of the former German Kaiser, and Alexander Zoubkoff, a young Russian. Above, the ceremony; below, the wedding breakfast, with Propst Adamantow, the official clergyman, at the left.



This picture shows the Oklahoma Senate in session, sitting as a body of impeachment to try charges against Governor Henry S. Johnston.

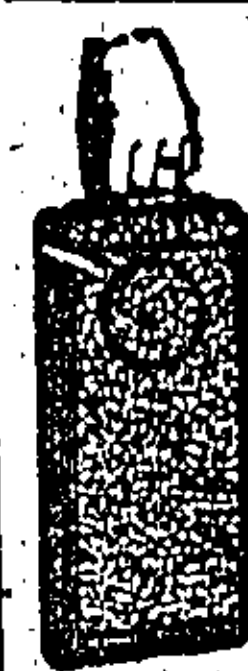
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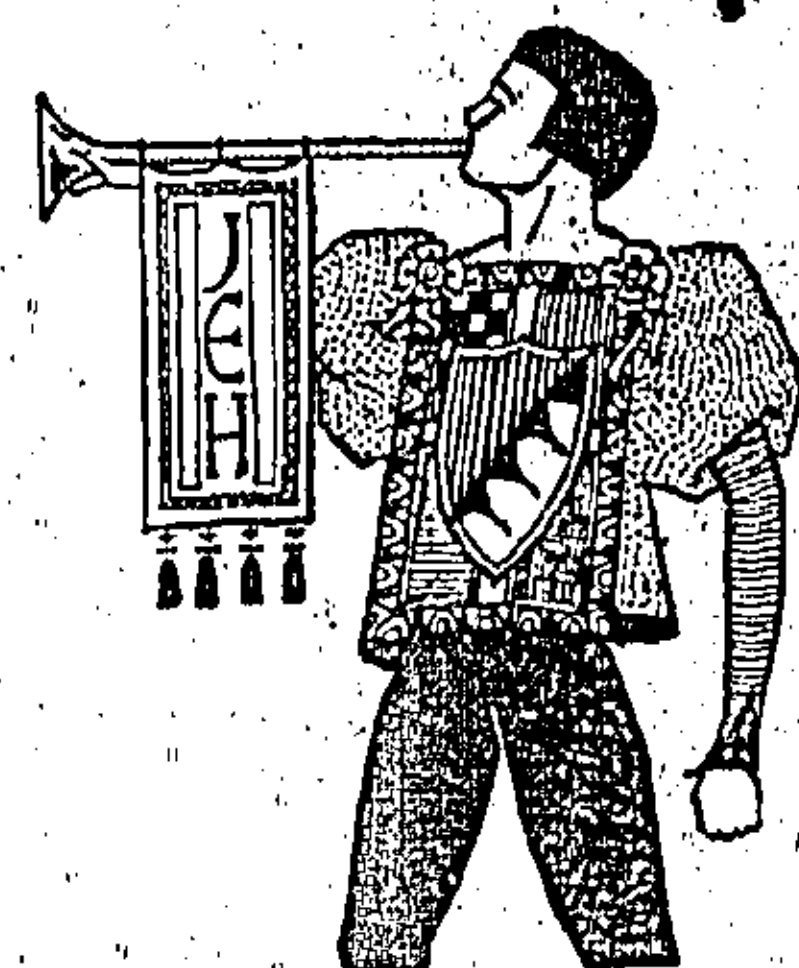
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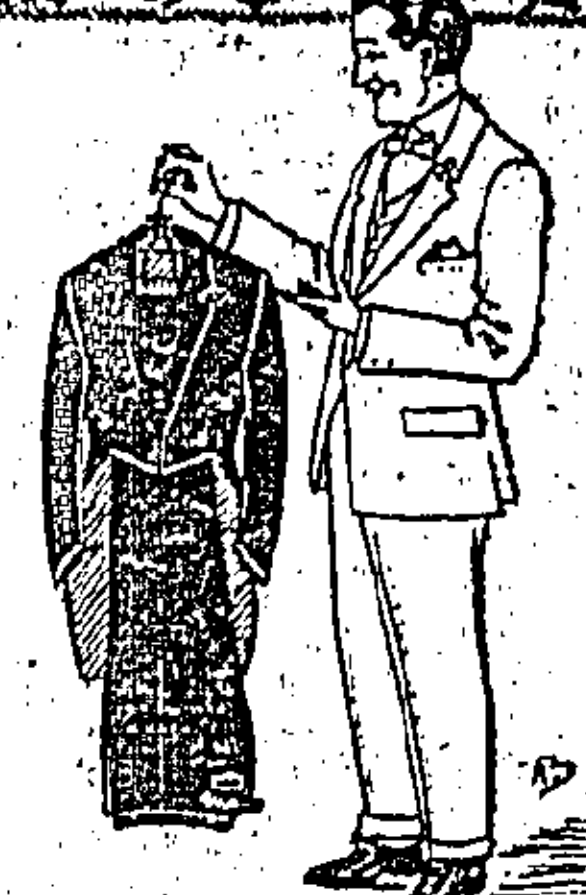
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Mr. Clifford W. Collinson, who has a long lease of the island of Sambo, in the Solomon Protectorate group, told some amusing stories of life in the South Seas when addressing a Royal Colonial Institute meeting at the Hotel Victoria, London.

Here is one of them. A native boy had a passionate desire for a brass bedstead. "When the bedstead arrived," Mr. Collinson said, "it was too large to go in the house, and the boy placed the bedstead on an eligible site and built his house over it."

"To this day," he added, "he sleeps under the bedstead to avoid spoiling it."

Lads of ten or twelve did all the house-work at Mr. Collinson's island home. "One morning," he said, "I told my boy to boil me an egg for breakfast, and I lent him my watch to time it. Ten minutes went by and nothing happened. 'I went into the kitchen and found the boy peering into the saucepan with a very worried expression. The silly fellow had put the watch into the pan along with the egg and had boiled them both.'

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 28th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws. In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided. The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29–September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on January 28th:—

ENGLISH CUP.

FOURTH ROUND.

Bury v Manchester Un.
Cardiff v Liverpool.
Swindon v Wednesday.
Reading v Leicester.
Stoke v Bolton.
Arsenal v Everton.
Exeter v Blackburn.

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Norwich v Walsall.
Plymouth v Coventry.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Dundee v Hearts.
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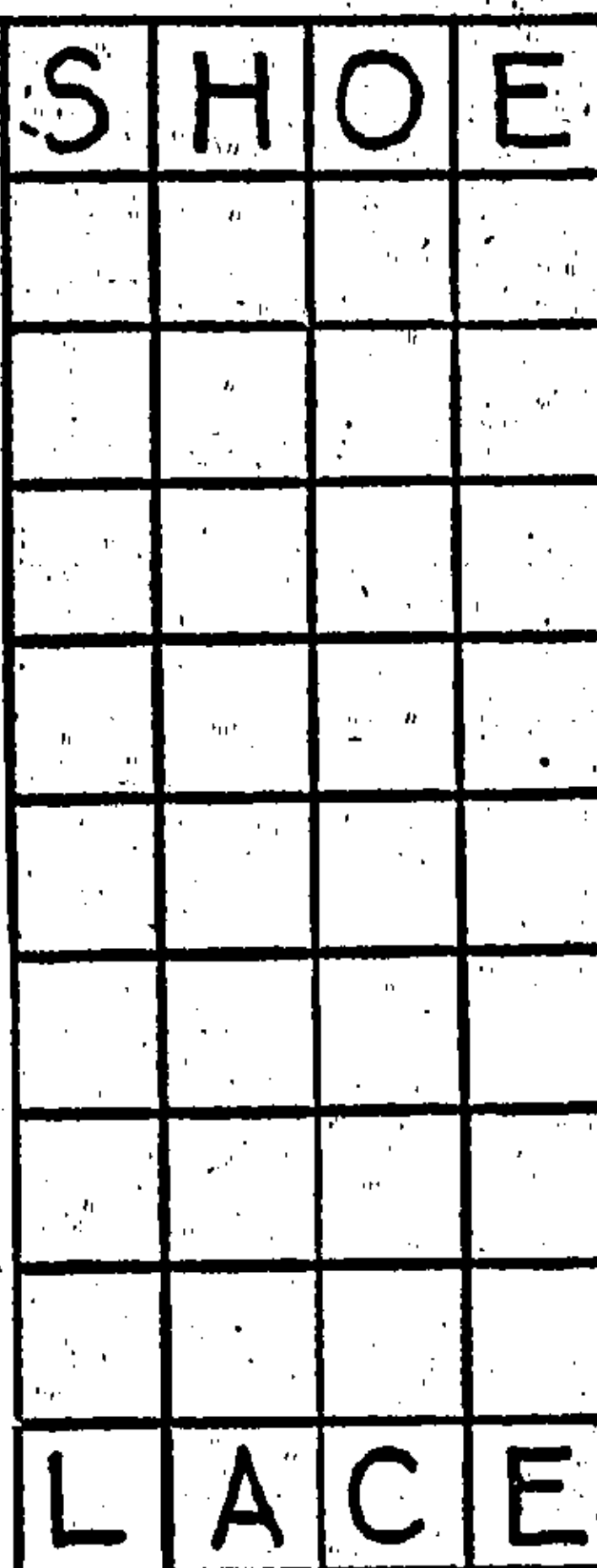
All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

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From SHOE to LACE takes nine strokes. On these long puzzles there's always a good chance to better par.



1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
2.—You can change only one letter at a time.
3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

A Footprint Bureau, on the same lines as the Fingerprint Bureau, has been started in Ceylon, according to the annual report for the Colony. "This system of identification, which has not been developed in Europe, where boots are generally worn, is," the report points out, "peculiarly suitable for an Eastern country, where the majority of people go barefoot."

MARK AND KEEP THIS DUELICATE LIST. DO NOT FORWARD IT TO US. IT IS PRINTED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE SO THAT YOU MAY KEEP A RECORD OF THE FORECASTS YOU HAVE SENT IN:

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Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

It is notified for information that Feather Fans and Brooches cannot be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Placings (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

RADIO NOTICES

Holders of Wireless Receiving Station Licences are reminded that their Licences for the year 1928 are due for renewal before the 15th inst. Fee \$5.00 per annum.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation with the following:—
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Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should, in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio, register their telegraphic addresses immediately.

Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Radio telegrams are now accepted at the Radio Counter 1st floor Government Building, for transmission via Hanoi to Bangkok and all parts of Siam at the rate of 80 cents (\$0.80) per word.

Commencing Wednesday, Jan. 24th, radio telegrams will be accepted at the Radio Counter, 1st Floor Government Building, for transmission to all offices in British North Borneo at the rate of 40 cents per word.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Antenor	January 24.
Manila	Empress of Canada	January 24.
Straits	Van Heutz	January 24.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Delta	January 24.
Japan	Arifura	January 25.
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan and Shanghai	Tonyo Maru	January 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	January 27.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London 20th Dec. 1927).	Laisang	January 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	February 3.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America, and Europe via Vancouver, B.C., and Europe via Siberia.	Emp. of Asia	Wed., Jan. 25.
	Parcels	Wed., Jan. 25, 5 a.m.
	Registration	3.15 a.m.
	Letters	3.10 a.m.
		(Due Vancouver, B.C. 12th February).

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Antenor	Wed., Jan. 25.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	3 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 22nd February).

Java via Batavia	Tiharora	Wed., Jan. 25, 1.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Suisang	Wed., Jan. 25, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Kaying	Wed., Jan. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Heutz	Wed., Jan. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Straits	Glenfuir	Wed., Jan. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	Thurs., Jan. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Jan. 26, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Linan	Thurs., Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Arifura	Fri., Jan. 27.
	Parcels	Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Jan. 27, 8.30 a.m.
		(Due Thursday Island, 11th Feb.).

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., Jan. 27, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Haruna Maru	Sat., Jan. 28.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	27th 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	28th 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	28th 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 26th February).

Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Nanning	Sat., Jan. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan <td>Hinsang <td>Sat., Jan. 28, 1.30 p.m. </td></td>	Hinsang <td>Sat., Jan. 28, 1.30 p.m. </td>	Sat., Jan. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Tonyo Maru	Sat., Jan. 28.
	Registration	Jan. 28, 1.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
		(Due San Francisco, 22nd Feb.).

Swatow	Fooshing	Sat., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Amoy <td>Lai Sang <td>Sat., Jan. 28, 5 p.m. </td></td>	Lai Sang <td>Sat., Jan. 28, 5 p.m. </td>	Sat., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow <td>Hai Ching <td>Tues., Jan. 31, Noon. </td></td>	Hai Ching <td>Tues., Jan. 31, Noon. </td>	Tues., Jan. 31, Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Angers	Tues., Jan. 31.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 2nd March).

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Fri., Feb. 3, Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Malwa	Fri., Feb. 4.
	K.P.O.	
	Parcels	3rd Feb. 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	4th Feb. 9 a.m.
	Letters	4th Feb. 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	3rd Feb. 5 p.m.
	Registration	4th Feb. 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	4th Feb. 10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 2nd March).

*C. correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

WHEN FAMOUS MEN MARRY.

INTERESTING COMPARISONS.

Have the majority of famous men of our time married early or late in life?

General Sir Webb Gillman has raised the question by recommending cadets at the Royal Military College, Camberley, to avoid matrimony until they are at least thirty.

"I know it is sometimes very hard," the General added, amid laughter, "but if you enter into matrimony you will find that your freedom of manoeuvre is cramped."

Certainly famous leaders of our fighting forces appear to marry late. For example:—
Earl Haig 44, Gen. Sir G. Milne 39, Sir Ian Hamilton 34, Earl 46.

Politicians and lawyers, on the other hand, marry young:

Mr. Baldwin 25, Mr. Lloyd George 26, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald 30, Lord Chief Justice 22, Lord Chancellor 29, Lord Merivale 24.

Literary men, artists and actors appear to vary:

Mr. Bernard Shaw 42, Mr. Rudyard Kipling 27, Mr. G. K. Chesterton 27, Sir William Orpen 28, Sir John Lavery 34, Mr. Jacob Epstein 26, Sir Frank Benson 28, Sir Gerald du Maurier 30, Mr. Henry Ainley 24.

Dignitaries of the Church also must be numbered among the later victims of Cupid. They include:—The Primate 30, Bishop of Birmingham 42, and Dean Inge.

WOMAN SERGEANT'S
"RISKY JOB."ALLEGED MOTOR THIEVES
TACKLED IN HYDE PARK.

Mr. Hay Halkett, the Marylebone Magistrate, warmly complimented a woman police sergeant in a case before him when two young men—Ernest James Fielder, commercial traveller, and Percival James, engineer, of Oakley-square, St. Pancras—were charged with stealing and receiving a car, value £100, from Manchester-square on November 23, belonging to Mrs. G. Anis, of Thornton-way, Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Miss Anis said that she left her mother's car unattended in the square for eight hours, and when she returned it had gone.

"And it served you right, didn't it?" said the Magistrate.

Miss Anis said she was then

blue, she said, but when it was recovered a week later it was painted a dark brown, and the number had been altered.

Violent butcher, the woman police sergeant said she saw a private car standing unattended in the North Carriage-road, Hyde Park. It had no lights. The Excise licence was missing. After she had kept watch on the car for half an hour a police constable came along, and from what she told him he went off in search of the driver. At 10.10 p.m. James came up, wearing a motor cap and goggles, and, having glanced at her, he walked on. She hid behind a tree. Five minutes later James returned and walked straight up to the car. She asked him if it was his. He replied that it belonged to a friend. She asked why there was no Excise licence on the car, and he produced one from his pocket. She told him that the particulars did not correspond with the car.

The Magistrate—You were alone all this time?—Yes, sir.

The constable was an unbecomingly fat time coming back. You know I do not like you police women being subjected to risk, and this was rather a risky job for you, wasn't it?—Well, I don't know.

The Magistrate—It came off all right, apparently; there was no violence, but I think you ought not to be employed in the park by yourself at night, dealing with cases of this sort. I think your work should be confined to a more peaceful sphere.

The Sergeant—As a rule, there are two of us.

The Magistrate—But you are useful mainly among women.

Continuing, the sergeant said that, after she had further questioned James, Fielder came up.

He said that James was the driver.

The Magistrate—Of course, you had no idea the car was stolen?

The Sergeant—I knew something was wrong, and I was waiting and hoping for the constable's return.

The Magistrate—I am sure you were.

Eventually, she said, the constable came up and the two men were arrested.

The Magistrate—You have done admirably, sergeant.

A remand was ordered.

BEER AND LONG LIFE.

BREWERY EMPLOYEES WITH
50 YEARS' SERVICE.

Fifty years was the average length of service of nine old employees of Messrs. Alsopp's Brewery, who were placed on the Benevolent Fund of the company during the past year.

"This is a remarkable fact, as showing not only the traditions existing among our workmen for staying with us most of their lives, but also that the manufacture of beer is a very wholesome occupation," said Mr. John J. Calder, joint managing director, at the annual meeting of the company in London. "Included in their remuneration is a daily allowance of beer, and this, I have no doubt, contributed greatly to their longevity."

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

A First Cocktail.

MISS 1927's PINK LEGS.

The recent public confession by Dame Millicent Fawcett, who is 80 years of age, "I have never tasted a cocktail," has had a sequel.

This she described at a Soroptimist Club luncheon at the Criterion Restaurant recently.

"The morning after my speech," she said, "two people knocked at my door. They were a mother and daughter.

"They brought for me a cocktail in a bottle, because they thought it was so dreadful that I had never tasted one.

"I thanked them very much, and the bottle was placed on the sideboard. We kept the cocktail as a treat for Sunday evening, and my sister and I drank some after supper.

"I had certainly tasted worse things, but my sister said she was sure she never had."

Modern Girl "Splendid."

Dame Millicent said she thought the modern girl "perfectly splendid."

Of pink silk stockings she said, "I regard them as pretty and most useful to motorists, because they can be easily seen in the dark."

"Everywhere you go the young woman comes forward and does her best to be helpful."

"I think the girls of the present day are admirable. I like their legs, and I like their short skirts."

"There is nothing wrong with their legs; they are perfectly beautiful. Such nice straight legs are a credit to us (laughter)."

"I feel that it was the young men and the young women who won the war for us. If it had been left to the older people, they could never have done it."

Some Advice

FOR THE DANCING GIRL.

Girls who dance several evenings a week need to take special care of feet and ankles, especially if their duties during the day entail much standing or walking about.

Thick, swollen ankles will spoil a girl's whole appearance, and if the ankles are weak it is a good plan to massage them on dance nights for a few minutes with a little extract of witch-hazel. A bandage made from a length of old black silk ribbon worn at night is a help in keeping the ankles slim.

A few drops of brilliantine shaken over a piece of soft silk, folded as a pad, are excellent for setting waves which are not as deep as one might wish. Brush the hair with the silk pad, pressing it firmly into the waves.

Very greasy hair can be made to look its best if brushed with a clean brush sprinkled with three drops of sal volatile.

The girl who suffers from hot moist hands, and many do, will find that the trouble can be removed, for the evening, by bathing the palms for three or four minutes with warm water in which alum has been dissolved in the proportion of half a teaspoonful of powdered alum to a pint of warm water. It is best to apply this mixture to the palms of the hands with a small sponge, then dry the hands and dust with powdered orris-root.

After applying liquid powder, take a square of soft chamois leather and rub over the skin.

Women of Sixty.

CHIC AND WELL-GROOMED.

Everyone talks about this age of youth, but facts prove that old-age and middle-age often have the best of the business, claims the Hon. Mrs. Fitzroy Stewart.

History tells of women who preserved their charms into the seventies, such as Ninon de l'Enclos, Madame Recamier, and others; and even now there are well-known women who make no secret of their years.

These include Queen Marie of Rumania, the Dowager Lady Warwick—who has written on the subject—and Lady de Bathe, better known as Mrs. Langtry.

Lady Warwick, when asked how she contrived to keep so young, replied: "Because I believe in throwing away the calendar. If

Mittens Popular.

VERY LONG & SMART.

The idea of the smart modern girl wearing mittens may cause amazement, but such a sight has been seen more than once, and mittens are slowly creeping into favour again.

The up-to-date version of mittens is entirely different from the ugly woollen ones which our great-grandmothers used to wear.

The new mittens are quite long, coming up to the elbows over the sleeves of the frock when designed for daytime wear.

The majority of them are knitted in very bright and gaily-coloured silks, usually forming a contrast to the dress with which they are worn. Mittens have, too, all sorts of ornamental designs and trim-



Faggot-stitching, hem-stitching, gauging, smocking and even plain darn-stitching are the chief characteristics of the newest and daintiest models. Here is a shirt blouse in natural tussore, faggot-stitched with deep coffee coloured silk.

A woman does not keep track of her years; she will not know how old she is, and will reckon her age by her mentality.

"Natural Well Being."

She is right. Why should a dowager assume that it is her duty to be "dowdy"? Dowdiness of either mind or body is most depressing. No sensible person wants to see grandmothers aping their granddaughters, but there is no reason, on the other hand, why the woman of fifty or sixty should regard herself as a sort of relic.

Women of sixty now shoot, play golf and hockey, fly over to Paris to fit a frock, and do motor trips all round England. And all this with benefit to their health and happiness, and without any loss of dignity.

For evening wear there are mittens of gold and silver thread, some of them jewelled and lavishly embroidered.

The oldish woman of to-day is chic, well-groomed, gay, and talkative. Mentally she is often much more alive than her youthful contemporaries. She is in the heart of things and a star in her own social centre.

Friends gather round her, not only her own children and theirs, but girls and boys and men of position. And she often has bright eyes, a slender figure, and is dressed to perfection.

The desire for youth shows vital force, and is a sure proof of natural well-being.

WITH THE STARS AT
HOLLYWOOD.IMPORTANCE OF CINEMA
ENGINEERS.

Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 20. They're just about three years ahead of the industry—and they admit it—but the Halperin brothers, Edward and Victor, say that they are going to do big things in the movies.

These boys call themselves motion picture engineers because they are doing their creating in a scientific way. And that's something that the rest of Hollywood's producers know nothing about—or at least if they do, they manage to keep it pretty much of a secret.

"We are not thinking about the pictures the public wants today. We are figuring out what they want in three or four years from now," says Edward Halperin. "We have been studying theatre audiences and the trend of picture advancement for the last seven years. From these observations we believe we know what the public is going to want in the future."

"For example, we just bought a story that isn't worth a cent to any producer today but in a few years it will be ripe for a great film. Perhaps we will produce it ourselves or we may sell the story and take our profit that way."

The Halperins, who are still quite young, have just joined forces with Inspiration Pictures. They already have made several films in New York which have been successful and they expect to do even bigger things out here.

"Our plan is to make nothing but big specials," declared Victor Halperin. "We will figure on spending at least \$500,000 on every picture we produce and we think our yearly profits will be bigger than if we made more and smaller films. We have watched other producers work and have learned a lot by their mistakes."

If everything is in readiness at the time shooting is started, it doesn't take much more time or energy to make a special than it does an ordinary programme picture. And the profit is considerably larger. Of course, we will spend a lot of time on artistic effects but we are in the game to make money."

A "Sunrise" Picture.

William Fox brought F. W. Murnau from Germany to make "Sunrise." And the director made a great picture out of a simple little story that otherwise would have been a little programme production. Much of the film's attraction is due to the so-called trick photography. Weird camera angles give the film a very artistic touch. Murnau gets the credit for that.

Wins Great Reception.

Although the film has been running in New York for two or three months, it has just had its first showing in the cinema capital. And it got just as big a reception here as any world premiere.

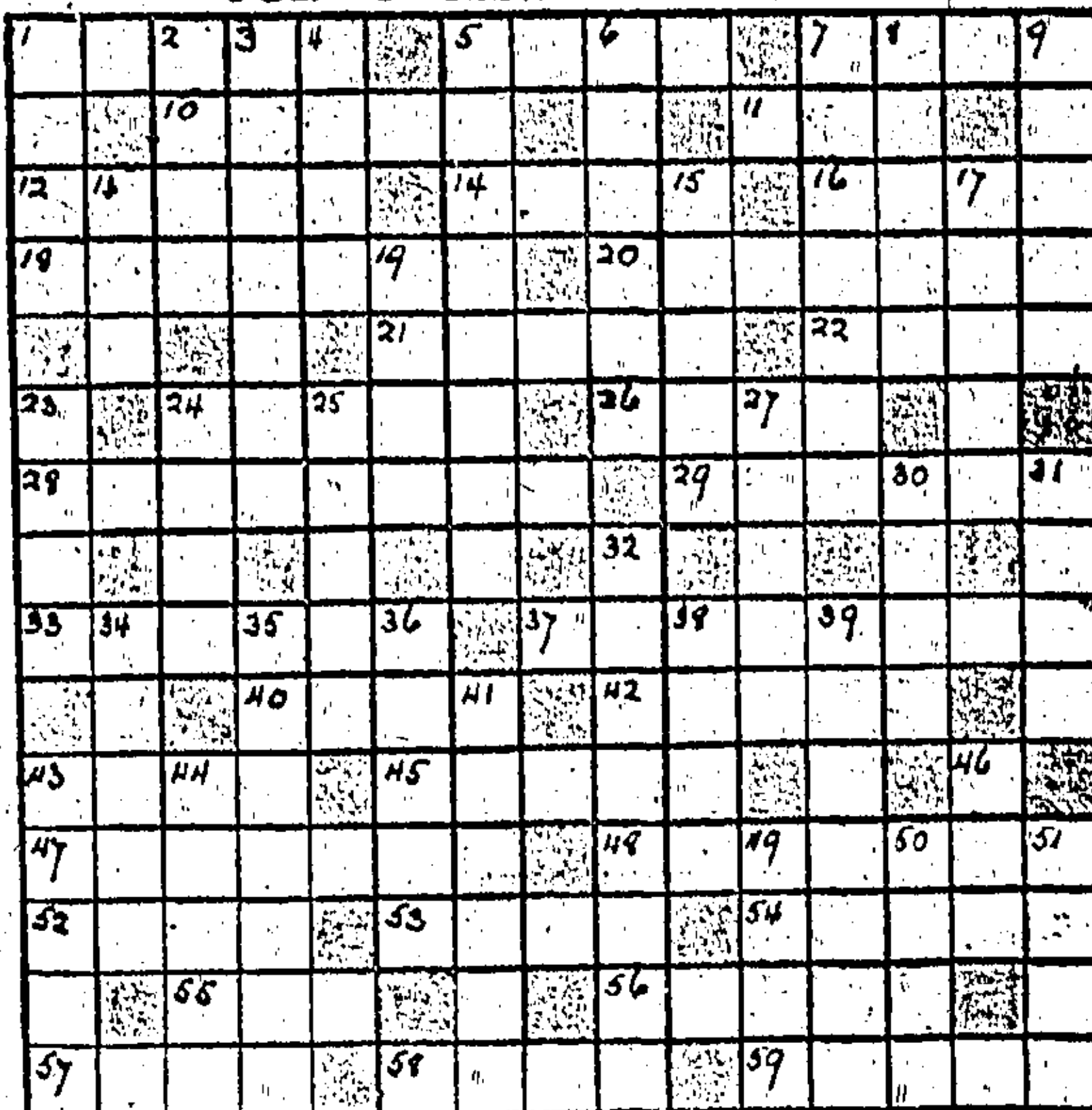
The story is built around three characters, George O'Brien, Janet Gaynor and Margaret Livingston. O'Brien does the best acting of his career. So does Miss Livingston. Janet Gaynor's performance is on a par with what she did in "7th Heaven," although "Sunrise" was made first.

Credit to Murnau.

The lion's share of credit for that picture, however, must go to Murnau. He knew what he wanted and he smashed all obstacles that stood in his way. For example, he fought for two weeks to get Margaret Livingston. Studio officials wanted someone else to play the part. Murnau won out—and proved that he was right. No one could have played it better than Margaret did.

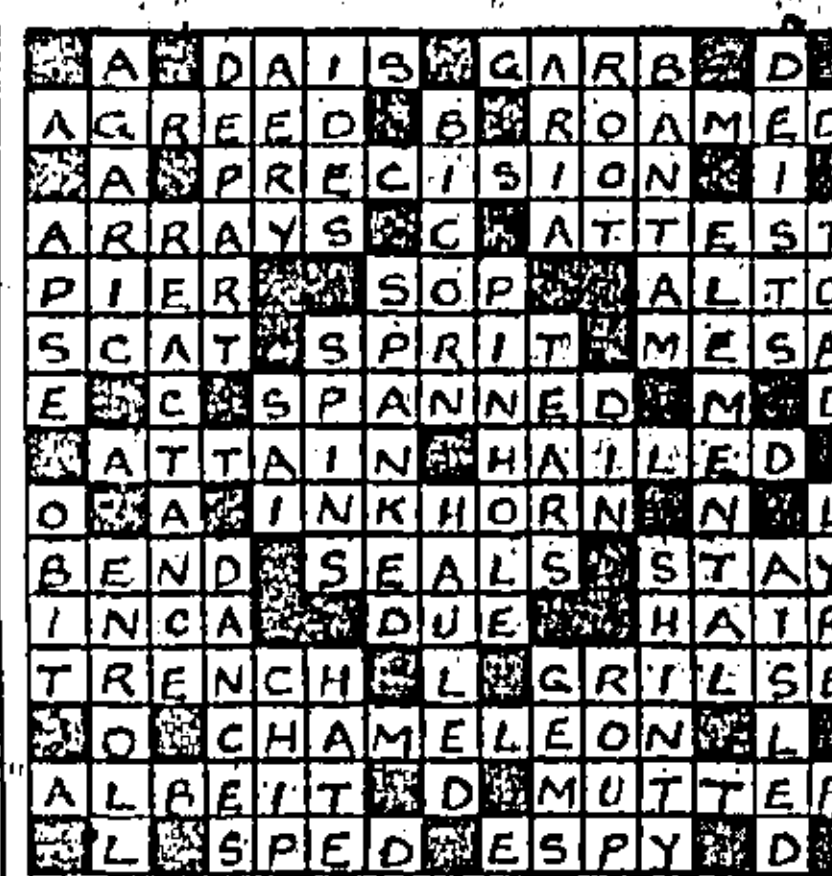
"Sunrise" is a story that came out of every ten directors in Hollywood would have overdone. They would have filled it with too many emotional scenes. Murnau played it straight. He knew that the story was powerful enough to stand up by itself.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- 1 Pronounces imperfectly.
 - 5 Small Turkish coin.
 - 7 Head.
 - 10 Experiment.
 - 11 Dutch liquid measure.
 - 12 Smudge.
 - 14 Fruit of a West African Tree.
 - 15 Burn to dryness.
 - 18 Rags.
 - 20 Laurel (Bot.)
 - 21 Speak.
 - 22 Two Scandinavian Books.
 - 24 Male of the honey-bee.
 - 28 Chess.
 - 29 Success.
 - 30 Tyrant.
 - 33 Land again.
 - 37 Those guilty of treason.
 - 40 Sediment.
 - 42 Fully awake.
 - 43 Kind of turf used as fuel.
 - 45 Effa.
 - 47 Dip.
 - 48 Treats with iodine.
 - 52 Jetty.
 - 53 Delightful region.
 - 54 Derived from oil.
 - 55 Snake-like fish.
 - 56 One who gapes.
 - 57 Variety of carnation.
 - 59 Days in Roman calendar.
 - 60 Corrode.
- Down.
- 1 Not to be found.
 - 2 Let it remain (Printing.)
 - 3 Those who babble.
 - 4 Father.
 - 5 Overlays with plaster.
 - 6 Made of reeds.
 - 7 Slices of bacon.
 - 8 Remove faults from.
 - 9 Sepulchral slab.

Saturday's Puzzle.



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"GETS-IT"

The £600,000 Film.



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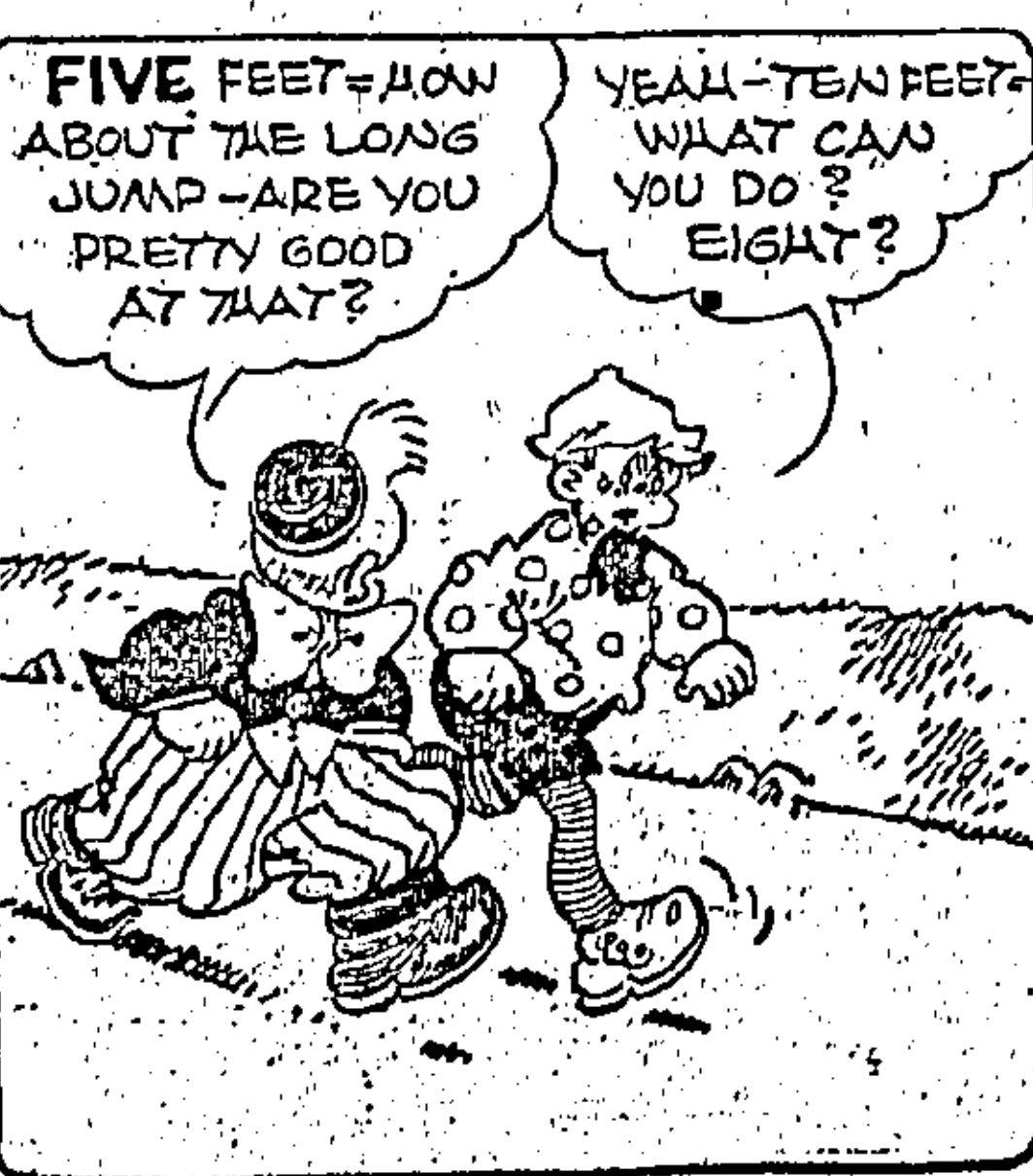
The Communist Party in the Reichstag is submitting an interpellation requesting the Government to explain the discovery last month in a Catholic church, at

Munich of 200 machine-guns, 300 gas masks, several thousand bayonets, and a large supply of ammunition and military equipment.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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By Blosser



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TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1928.

A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

We observe from Home papers to hand that the agricultural situation continues to engage the attention of political party leaders, and that the Government is coming in for a deal of criticism for its alleged failure to discharge its promises to place the industry on a sound and prosperous footing. As in so many other matters, the Daily Mail is figuring prominently in the attacks on the Government, and it is noteworthy that the Farmers' Unions are periodically issuing manifestoes expressing dissatisfaction with the utterances of Government spokesmen on the subject. As is well-known, the Conservatives rely very largely on electoral support from the rural districts, and they are naturally anxious to preserve, as far as possible, their strength in agricultural constituencies. They are, however, up against a difficult problem, especially in view of a fear that by giving concrete help to the industry they may raise the "dear food" cry, which would militate against success at the polls in urban areas.

In a recent Parliamentary debate on the question, Sir Archibald Sinclair, on behalf of the Liberal Party, criticised the Government's attitude in strong terms, and Mr. Guinness, in reply, maintained that the main root of agricultural depression was to be found in the movement of agricultural prices. That is perfectly true, of course, but Mr. Guinness was wide of the mark when he added that prices were outside the Government's control. As one commentator put it, British agriculture, as an industry which is subject to competitive world prices, has suffered just as much as any exporting industry from the return of the gold standard two years ago. It has been intimated that the Government intends to introduce, in the coming session, a scheme for long-term credits for agriculture, but this, whilst excellent in itself, is hardly likely to get at the root of the problem. Various financial considerations hamper the Government in seeking to work out a constructive agricultural policy, and, as Mr. Lloyd George has put it, "you cannot deal with agriculture without dealing first with the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

There has been an insistent demand by farmers for some form of protection against foreign competition in agricultural produce, but this is where the Government finds itself unable or unwilling to make any concessions. Protection-

ist at heart, the Conservatives fear that if Protection is extended to agriculture, the result will be to place in the hands of their political opponents a weapon of which they will make free use in any future electoral campaigns. There can be no doubt as to the serious state of depression into which British agriculture has fallen—due to price factors coupled with the heavy load of taxation and the increased cost of labour, with no correspondingly high return for produce. There are many facets to the problem, involving big principles of political economy, and it is difficult to see how relief is to be given. All the same, the issue has to be faced by the politicians, and the manner in which it is tackled may have big effects on the future of the Conservative Party.

Japanese Politics.

A direct challenge by the Opposition brought the end of the Japanese Government on Saturday. The Diet was dissolved before the Opposition forced a division on a vote of non-confidence, but defeat was inevitable and it occasioned no surprise that Baron Tanaka conceded to his opponents without further fight. The Seiyu has been in power without being in the position to guarantee a majority in the Diet and consequently it has been harried considerably on the question of its policy in China. Japan has its Lloyd Georges and Trevelyan in full measure and Baron Tanaka has been consistently attacked for urging and insisting upon adequate measures for the protection of Japanese nationals. The Shantung expedition has been described by the Opposition as an unforgivable blunder and the Government is denounced for fostering anti-Japanese feeling by this show of force. The facts are simple enough. Japanese nationals were in serious danger. The Japanese have had experience in Nanking and elsewhere of what they may expect if adequate protection is not given. If anything, Japan in China has erred on the side of being too conciliatory, having regard to the indignities imposed upon her. But in common with everyone else, the Minseito (Opposition) have discovered it is the easiest thing in the world to criticise destructively. Politics in Japan just now are a mixture which render it likely that the General Election next month will give the opposition their chance to do better. It is to be hoped that they can build where they have broken.

LOCAL LADY'S DEATH.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Helen Wilson, wife of Inspector W. E. Wilson, whose death is reported in another column, took place yesterday in the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley.

A large number of friends were present, including Mr. T. H. King, D.C.I., Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., Mr. P. Grant, A.C.I., Inspectors Spear and D. MacDonald, and many other members of the Hongkong Police Force and civilians. The Rev. Mr. W. R. Cannel officiated at the graveside.

A large number of wreaths were placed on the grave, these being from "Her Sorrowing Husband," Mother, Sister Blanche and Brother Tom, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kent and family, Mr. P. Grant, Mr. Spear, Mr. and Mrs. Hynes, Mr. and Mrs. D. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ching, Mr. B. Oxberry, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Reynolds and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moss, Captain F. C. Novik, European Officers, No. 2 Police Station; the Members of the Royal Naval Yard Police; Inspectors Mess, Water Police; European Officers, No. 7 Police Station; Lance Sergeants Mess, Central Police Station; Lance Sergeants Mess, Water Police; Sergeants, Mongkoktsui Police Station; European Revenue Officers Mess, Lai Chi Kok Branch Prison; Interpreters and Detectives, No. 2 Police Station, and very many others.

THAMES DISASTER.

SPLENDID RESPONSE TO APPEAL.

London, Jan. 23. In addition to £50,000 already subscribed to the Lord Mayor's fund on behalf of the sufferers of the recent London floods, over £40,000 has been raised in the various Metropolitan Boroughs affected.

Regarding the present high tides the river authorities report that these are not above normal, and no floods are anticipated.—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

HOW THEN CAN WE WONDER THAT MEN LESS INSTRUCTED THAN OURSELVES, AND TRIED BY PRIVATIONS, SUCH AS WE HAVE NEVER KNOWN, SHOULD BE EASILY MISLED BY MOUNTAINBANKS WHO PROMISE IMPOSSIBILITIES?—Macaulay.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on the 21st January at 11 a.m.

Saturday's return of the Medical Officer of Health contained two Chinese cases of enteric fever.

The E. and A. Company's s.s. Arafura, which left Moji on Saturday, is due here at daylight to-morrow.

The P. and O. s.s. Delta, which left Singapore at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, is due here at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The Empress of Australia, on her world cruise, leaves Colombo at 4 p.m. to-day, and is due in Hongkong at 8 a.m. on February 10.

A partner of the Cheong Wo rickshaw shop of 44, Queen's Road East, is reported by the master of the shop to having decamped with \$220, said to belong to the shop.

On Sunday at 10.50 p.m. a Chinese jumped into the harbour from the Yaumati launch Man Tai. Despite the fact that the launch was stopped immediately and also that the police searched the vicinity, no trace of the man was found.

Local cinema-goers will be interested to learn that the management of the Tivoli Theatre in London have decided to accede to innumerable requests to revive "Ben-Hur." This magnificent film is to be screened in Hongkong next week, starting on Monday, January 30th.

As a result of an accident whilst riding his motor cycle yesterday, Mr. E. L. Groom, residing at Gibb Livingston's mess, on the Peak, has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital with injuries to his shoulder. It is believed that the accident was the result of an effort by Mr. Groom to avoid a Chinese child who had run out on to the road.

A quarrel over \$10 between a fisherman, his son and other fishermen at Aberdeen, yesterday, resulted in father and son being removed to the Government Civil Hospital, the former with a slash wound and the latter with bruises and serious internal injuries. The condition of the son is so bad that he is not expected to live.

A Chinese who was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with exposing unwholesome pork for sale in Argyle Street, was remanded for twenty-four hours for the attendance of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. The defendant stated that he was drying the meat of a sow which had died of some disease. It was not for sale, but for his own consumption.

Major General A. E. Wardrop, who is going to Shanghai to relieve Major General Sir John Duncan, arrived in the Colony over the week-end from Home by the P. and O. s.s. Khyber. Major General Wardrop has had a distinguished career in the Army. He served throughout the European war and received many decorations besides being mentioned nine times in despatches. He is a C. B. and C.M.G., and has been G.O.C. of the Lahore district, India, since 1923.

The "full house" sign has again been in evidence at the Queen's Theatre during the past two days on account of the big demands for seats to see "Out All Night," starring Reginald Denny and Marion Nixon. This is an excellent comedy, the greater part of which is taken up by Denny having to pose as a ship's doctor on a voyage from New York to Europe, during which he gets involved in all manner of complications. Those who want a good laugh are advised to see the picture, which is having its final showing to-day.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 23.	
Paris	124
Brussels	34.98
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Berlin	20.46
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.02
Helsingfors	153 3/4
Lisbon	225/64
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Shanghai	Holiday
Yokohama	4/11
New York	487 1/16
Geneva	25.81
Milan	92.10
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	18.15
Prague	104 1/2
Madrid	28.55
Athens	38 3/4
Rio	5.59 3/4
Bombay	1/6 1/16
Hongkong	Holiday
Silver (spot)	26.3/16
Silver (forward)	26.1/16

—British Wireless.

CHINA NEW YEAR.

HOW HONGKONG SAW IT IN.

With the customary banging of crackers and other fireworks, the Chinese New Year was ushered in with much noise in Hongkong. Sunday night saw large crowds of visitors to the usual Fair in Queen's Road and Jervois Street, and even before midnight the cracker-firing began. Yesterday it was maintained all day, and the Chinese community spent most of their time in paying formal calls and in feasting. The weather was overcast but dry, and it being a general holiday, Europeans generally spent the day out of doors.

On Saturday, special carnival dances were held at most of the leading hotels and restaurants, and they drew large gatherings. At the Hongkong Hotel roof garden, the decorations were characteristically Chinese, whilst the menu also included several Chinese dishes. Music was supplied by Art Smith's orchestra, who were in excellent form. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant was also specially decorated for the occasion, and there was an ample supply of novelties, the use of which created much fun. At Kowloon Hotel there was a large gathering, and here also were numerous Chinese dishes, whilst music was supplied by the Night Birds' Orchestra.

Over a hundred people attended the Carnival Dance held at the King Edward Hotel last night, the majority being in fancy dress, of which Chinese was the keynote. The dining room was decorated with streamers, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. At intervals, Dick Norton's "Globetrotters" occupied the floor with a number of songs and amusing sketches, their appearance being a rare treat. Dancing was kept up till midnight to music supplied by the Hotel's excellent orchestra.

SIR ALAN COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

SEEKING CO-OPERATION FOR AIR SERVICES.

London, Jan. 23. Sir Alan Cobham, who accompanied by Lady Cobham is engaged on a flight round Africa on the all-metal flyingboat "Singapore" arrived to-day at Aboukir from Benghazi.

The route Sir Alan proposes to follow after leaving Egypt takes advantage of the Nile, which is a broad highway for flyingboats right up to Kisumu. From there the pilot will branch off to Lake Tanganyika, fly its length and then on over Lake Nyassa. Up to this point, Sir Alan will have flown 4,850 miles from Cairo, the whole distance being over British territory.

He will then cross Portuguese East Africa to the coast which he will follow down to Natal.

On the homeward journey, Sir Alan Cobham will proceed from the Cape along the west coast, calling at many points where a seaplane has never yet been seen. The purpose of the flight is to secure co-operation of the various administrations concerned in establishing air services.—British Wireless.

Benghazi, Jan. 22. Sir Alan and Lady Cobham, who have now their round-Africa flight, arrived here from Malta to-day.—Reuter.

"COLLEGE."

BUSTER KEATON COMEDY COMING.

The third comedy at the Queen's Theatre this week, according to a special advertisement in to-day's issue, will be Buster Keaton's latest United Artists picture, "College." The story begins with Buster as a high school boy declaiming against athletics. His girl, however, tells him she prefers an athlete to a book-worm, and on entering college Buster decides he will become an athlete. After his arrival at College he successively tries baseball, high-jumping, broad-jumping, shot-putting, hammer-throwing, hurdle racing, pole-vauling and finally rowing, and it is here that he establishes himself. He is made coxswain of the crew and his college wins. Later the climax of the film comes when Buster saves the girl from his villainous rival, and spurred by her plight, easily outdistances everybody in the race. The highly original ending is in keeping with the rest of an amusing film.

BIG CHILEAN RAILWAY LOAN.

Santiago, Jan. 23. The Government has entered into a contract with the National City Bank of New York for a loan of \$41,000,000 to "consolidate the State" Railway debts.—Reuter's American Service.

The Very Idea!

An Aberdonian in need of a new suit asked a friend if he could recommend a good tailor.

"Oh, yes," replied his friend. "Isaac is a good man, but you will have to offer him half whatever price he quotes."

The Aberdonian went to Isaac. "How much for a good suit?" he asked.

"Four pounds," said Isaac. "That's over much," replied the Aberdonian. "I'll give you two pounds."

"Two pounds—that is not enough," said Isaac, "but seeing you are a new customer, I will let you have it for three pounds."

"Thirty shillings or the deal's off," replied the Aberdonian. "Oh, come now," replied Isaac. "You are too hard; let us say thirty shillings; I don't want to lose your business."

"Fifteen shillings or naething," replied the Aberdonian.

"Well, this is awful!" said Isaac; "you are the hardest customer I have ever had. I will give you the suit for nothing."

"In that case," replied the Aberdonian, "I'll tak twa."

The growing habit of women to have their own bank deposits for dress allowances and the payment of household bills is one of the reasons given for the remarkable increase in the number of cheques issued in Great Britain. In 1913, 276,760,000 cheques went through the various clearing houses, while in 1926 the total was 410,602,000. The revenue benefits accordingly, as the 2d. duty falls on all cheques from a penny upwards. There is no stamp duty in the United States.

A solicitor was trying to explain, in detail, the plan of a house referred to in a case at Willesden. Colonel Pinkham, magistrate: "There is no need to trouble any further, I built that house."

Nottingham reveler: I plead guilty to being drunk, but not to intending to be.

It was stated at Greenwich that the wages of a footman were 12s. 6d. a week.

Chairman at Kingston: What is your occupation? Man: I do anything. Chairman: Or anybody?

Husband at Kingston: How can it be persistent cruelty when it only happens from time to time?

Man at Shore-ditch County Court: I don't owe him a brass halfpenny. Solicitor: There is no such thing.

The traveller to the Continent deposited an enormous bag beside the table in the restaurant car. "Don't you know you can't bring your luggage in here?" said the conductor. "You'll have to put that bag in the van."

"Luggage," sneered the traveller. "That isn't luggage. That's my purse. I'm going to Austria."

More schoolboy howlers! A member of a County Education Committee sent the following delicious "howlers" from Australia to the Morning Post.

An oculist is a fish with long legs.

Barbarians are things put into bicycle wheels to make them run smoothly.

The Menai Straits are spanned by a tubercular bridge.

Magna Carta stopped the King from ordering taxis without the consent of Parliament.

Epic describe the brave deeds of men called epicures.

Pope wrote principally in heroic cutlets.

A barrister referred in the Divorce Court yesterday to the alleged "misconduct" of his client.

"Don't follow the bad example of the namby-pamby talk of some of the newspapers," said Mr. Justice Hill. "There are all sorts of marital misconduct. The one we are concerned with is adultery. It is the language of the Ten Commandments, and it ought to be good enough for us."

Alcohol is the greatest killjoy on earth.—Dr. C. W. Saleeby.

Women will buy newspapers more than ever as a guide to their shopping.—Sir Charles Higham.

I worked in a small store when I was in for 6s. a week, and the store failed and deserved to fail.—Mr. Gordon Selfridge.

To-day we feel there is no class of the community which should be excluded from hospital treatment.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The roots of the old Liberal tree are too deeply entrenched for that tree to be either cut down or swept away.—Miss Megan Lloyd George.

Leaving on the P. and O. s.s. Devanha on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grimes, Lt-Comdr. J.R.D. Freeman, Lt-Comdr. P.C. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. P. Gillespie, Mr. H. Gold, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gowan and Mr. L. H. Stevenson.

SEVERAL LOCAL ROBBERIES.

ARMED MEN RAID SEAMEN'S BOARDING HOUSE.

OVER \$6,000 TAKEN.

There were a number of robberies reported to the police over the week-end, the most serious of which was perpetrated on Sunday at 11 p.m. at the Tong Yee Tong Seamen's Boarding House at 260, Des Voeux Road West, second floor.

According to a report made by the master of the Boarding House, he and two other folks were on the floor at the time when a man entered the premises and said he wanted to deliver a letter. He was followed by three other men, two of whom were armed with revolvers and one with a dagger.

The three men seized the master and his two folks and bound them with ropes which they had brought with them. From the master they took the key of the Boarding House's safe and stole money and jewellery valued at \$6,258.65. The robbers left behind a loaded revolver and two daggers.

Other Cases.

A Chinese married woman, living at No. 8, Babington Path, was the victim of a highway robbery on Sunday. She was attacked by two men at 1.15 p.m. whilst she was walking in Western Street, near King's College. A box which contained money and jewellery valued at \$175, was stolen from her.

An armed robbery is reported from Shatin, an old blacksmith being the victim of the robbers. At midnight on Sunday, the blacksmith was awakened from his sleep by a noise in the house and on getting out of bed he found two men in his room. The men set on him, and after binding his hands and feet, ransacked the house. The robbers found nothing of much value and eventually left with clothing valued at \$10.90.

From Kowloon City comes the report that on Saturday a Chinese widow and her son, living in a match in Cho Shi Liu village, were attacked by eight men, some armed with daggers. The men forced an entrance into the match at about midnight and after tying up the woman and her son, they threw a quilt over them. The robbers took away money and jewellery valued at \$39.

NEW YEAR GAMBLING.

MAGISTRATE IN LENIENT MOOD.

Several cases of street gambling came before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, but in view of the Chinese New Year, all defendants were discharged with cautions.

In one instance, a District Watchman charged a man with gambling and was reprimanded by the Magistrate for interfering with petty gamblers instead of paying attention to more serious crime.

The defendant pleaded that he was merely having some amusement on New Year's Day and was gambling with "cigarettes as stakes."

His Worship—It is absurd to run a man in on a New Year's Day for a thing like that.

The defendant was discharged.

THAMES HIGH TIDES FEARED.

CAREFUL WATCH ON WEAK POINTS.

Owing to the probability of further high tides in the Thames, special watch is being kept on the points which suffered in the recent disaster.

So far, there has been no repetition of the flooding and the new concrete wall hastily built to fill the breach made in the brick structure at the foot of Lambeth Bridge was completed yesterday. The exceptionally high tides some hours later revealed a margin of fully five feet between the water level and the top of the new wall.—*British Wireless.*

ADVANCE WITH TIMES.

NOTABLE DEVELOPMENT AT ADEN.

London, Jan. 22. An interesting development is recorded by the Colonial Office in its announcement of a decision to transfer the responsibility for the defence of Aden from the War Office to the Air Ministry. In accordance with this decision a Royal Air Force officer will be appointed in April next to assume the command and administration of the troops in the garrison.—*British Wireless.*

THE MACAO ART EXHIBITION.

OVER 800 PICTURES DISPLAYED.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

Those who visit Macao this week will have a pleasure in store in the form of the Photographic and Art Exhibition which is housed in an artistic building set in an equally artistic garden called the "Flora". Here are to be seen upwards of 800 pictures, mostly photographs, from all parts of the Far East, and they represent the expenditure of much thought and labour on the part of an energetic Government organization which is engaged in placing Macao in the rightful sphere to which its romantic history entitles it. The exhibition is another phase in the bid for notice that Macao is making to secure deserved attention.

The exhibition is entirely satisfactory from every standpoint. The number of exhibits received exceeds even the most sanguine hopes of the sponsors, while the quality is of a very high order in most cases, and the judges had the utmost difficulty in selecting the prize-winners. The method adopted was to give awards based on the work of each exhibitor, with special reference to pictures of outstanding merit.

Fine Pictures.

The picture which the judges found to be the best in the entire exhibition was an enlargement of an itinerant barber pling his trade, at Macao, the work of an amateur from Macao, Mr. Carlos da Souza. The picture next in order of merit was one entitled "Light and Shadow," the work of Mr. Sakai, of Hongkong. Mr. H. Yoshioka, of Japan, produced some excellent work which also appealed to the judges. One by the Rev. Fr. J. Climaco do Rosario, of Macao, was also an outstanding exhibit. Gold medals were awarded to the above-named gentlemen and also to the Loo Shan Studio for a group of portrait photographs, mostly tinted with light colours.

One set of exhibits which forms a separate section of the exhibition is a group of pictures exquisitely tinted in symbolic design, the work of Mrs. Bartcha Lum, of Peking. These pictures, wood block pictures in the true Japanese design, were considered to be of exceptional merit and were awarded a gold medal.

Silver medals were awarded to a number of exhibitors, mostly for the entire group of exhibits, although some pictures of exceptional merit were specially mentioned.

In a big exhibition of this nature, the number of pictures where certificates of merit have been awarded is large, but there are still a great many pictures which, though of great merit, could not be classified.

The work of awarding the prizes was left to the judges, the following gentlemen from Hongkong having been requested to do the onerous task of adjudging the merit.—Mr. C. H. Blason, well known in photographic circles as an amateur photographer of the highest order; Major H. J. Wright, another amateur photographer of exceptional merit; Mr. M. Sameda, of Messrs. Mumeya & Sano, one of the best professional photographers in Hongkong.

Madame Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, wife of His Excellency the Governor of Macao, and Madame M. Hellion were the Macao judges.

The Art Section includes oil paintings, sketches, prints, engravings, drawings, etc., some of great rarity and all of absorbing interest. There are also pictures by living painters, mostly amateurs, many from Hongkong, awards for which have still to be made.

For the Portuguese, the most interesting section is one showing the tombs of the old Portuguese missionaries in China, taken by His Excellency the Minister for Portugal at Peking, with descriptive passages and notes. Pictures of Macao life and activities will also interest the Portuguese, while a number of paintings by Hongkong and Macao amateurs, mostly young people, will be found intensely interesting.

The Exhibition is divided into sections and all are well filled. There are 118 pictures in the section for scenes and panoramas of Macao, 31 relating to customs, practices, etc., of Macao, and 19 in that for the commercial and industrial activities of Macao. In the section for scenes of the Far East, there are not less than 277 exhibits marked in the catalogue, as well as many that arrived too late for inclusion therein. Of life and customs of the Far East, there are 84, in addition to those not catalogued. Commercial and industrial activities produced only 17 pictures, but portraits number 41. Paintings and sketches, etc., account for over 100 pictures, and there are also over 150 not

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IRISH PRESIDENT IN U. S. A.

DRIVING WITH "BIG BILL" THOMPSON.

New York, Jan. 20. Mr. Cosgrave, President of the Free State Executive, the "sandy haired" grocery clerk turned statesman, according to one newspaper, has landed here. This Ireland is represented in the United States for the first time in history by an elected leader.

De Valera sympathisers, bearing large placards, gathered at the Battery, and were ejected by a special force of 3,000 police.

President Cosgrave smilingly met the bombardment of the reporters by diplomatic and non-committal replies.

Asked whether Ireland would ever become a Republic, he said: "That is a matter for the people of Ireland and not for me to predict."

After landing, President Cosgrave proceeded to the City Hall, where he was welcomed by Mayor Walker.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Keeping Irish at Home.

Chicago, Jan. 22. President Cosgrave had a remarkable reception on his arrival at Chicago. He drove to his hotel, accompanied by "Big Bill" Thompson, the Mayor, through streets packed with cheering crowds.

In an interview, he said that one of Ireland's greatest problems was to keep the Irish in their own country.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OBITUARY.



Above is the late Major-General Goethals, the Chief Engineer concerned with the construction of the Panama Canal, whose death was reported on Sunday.

AMERICAN LADY OFFICIAL.

FORGERY AND GRAND LARCENY CHARGES.

New York, Jan. 23. Mrs. Florence Knapp the only woman ever elected to State office in New York, is charged with forgery, grand larceny and other criminal offences, in a report on her administration as Secretary of the 1925 State Census. The report was prepared by a special investigator appointed by Governor Smith.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DOCTOR BOUND OVER ON DRUG CHARGE.

CONDITION THAT HE SHALL ENTER HOME.

"The Bench consider this a very bad case," said Sir John Gladstone, chairman of the Chippendale Bench, on December 22, in binding over Dr. Thomas Pleydell Carter, a Chippendale medical practitioner, for 12 months on condition that he consented to enter a home for treatment.

Dr. Carter was accused under the Dangerous Drug Regulations of attempting to obtain morphine after the Home Secretary had withdrawn his authorisation.

Asked if he would enter a home, Dr. Carter denied that he was taking the drug himself and declared that conviction meant total disbarment from his practice.

Sir John remarked, gently, that he was afraid there was little chance of Dr. Carter practising at present, and Dr. Carter then consented to enter a home.

BRITISH SOLDIER ACQUITTED.

DEATH OF CHINESE HOUSEBOY.

SHANGHAI TRIAL ENDS.

Without retiring, the jury in H. M. Supreme Court, at Shanghai on Tuesday last, returned a verdict of acquittal in the case in which Acting Lance-Corporal Hector Macdonald Robertson of the Scots Guards, was charged with murdering Tze Ling-pai, houseboy in the employ of Capt. Duncan Harvey, A.P.M., Shanghai Defence Force, to whom the accused was batman, on December 2, 1927.

Sitting on the bench with his Lordship Sir Peter Grafton were Capt. Scott Barrett, Deputy Judge Advocate General and Mr. T. W. Kwok, Secretary to the Bureau for Foreign Affairs.

The jury was composed of Messrs. D. P. H. Jones, N. E. Kent, A. Jessiman, W. H. Ferris, L. W. Hutton, T. O'Neill Lane, E. G. Judd, D. Kemp, J. A. Riley, N. W. Hickling, C. A. Howard and J. L. Jacob. Mr. T. W. Murray was the sixth jurymen called and was challenged by counsel for the defence. He left the jury-box on the instructions of his Lordship, who remarked that the defence had the right to challenge any of the jurymen called.

The Crown Advocate, Mr. A. G. Mosson, conducted the prosecution; Mr. Ronald G. McDonald appeared on behalf of Capt. Duncan Harvey; Mr. A. Covey watched the case on behalf of the relatives of the deceased and Mr. M. Reader Harris represented the prisoner.

Defendant's Story.

The prisoner gave his age as 27. He enlisted originally in 1913 in the Highland Light Infantry, after the Armistice, he was transferred to the Gordon Highlanders and his time expired in 1923. In 1925 he re-enlisted in the Scots Guards. About June or July, 1926, he was made batman to Capt. Harvey and came with him to Shanghai.

On December 2, witness carried out his usual duties. While Capt. Harvey was in the bath-room, witness went out for 10 minutes, in order to smoke a cigarette. Capt. Harvey left at 9.30 a.m. while witness was cleaning a pair of shoes. After this, he was putting away the cleaning kit, standing with his back to the passage, and reaching up to put the kit on a shelf.

While so engaged, he heard the boy behind him say: "Master talk you clean pistol." Immediately, a shot went off, the bullet striking the wall directly in front of witness. The boy, who looked frightened, grasped the pistol with both hands and witness immediately grabbed at the weapon and pushed it away from himself. Then another shot went off and struck the door of the pantry. Witness at that time had hold of the pistol and was releasing the boy's fingers. After the second shot, witness pulled the pistol from the boy's hand and pushed him away. As he did that, another shot went off and the boy fell to the floor.

Witness continued: "I was terrified, for I knew he had been shot, but I did not know where. I let the pistol fall to the floor and I picked up my cap and belt and went out. I went down in the lift and on to Amoy Road Gaol, where I was billeted. There I saw a sergeant and told him to ring up Capt. Harvey and tell him his boy was shot. I then went to my billet."

Alleged Shouts Denied.

Witness denied that the deceased shout: "Lai Lai Lai!" It was only about a minute before witness left the flat after the shooting—just time for him to put on his cap and belt. He did not know how the pistol came to be loaded. He knew Capt. Harvey did not keep it loaded. Witness had cleared it but never had loaded it. The boy had seen witness cleaning both the sporting gun and the pistols and had shown the greatest interest in the operation. He always asked how the gun was put together and how the pistols worked, but witness never had shown him.

Witness did not think the first shot was fired intentionally. After the incident, he was flushed, excited, and nervous, and he was not in a fit condition to make a statement. He appreciated that he had made a mistake when opening his statement and that was why he said afterwards that he did not know what happened after the first shot.

Some time previously he had a trifling quarrel with the boy. The latter, during Capt. Harvey's absence, had used an electric iron and allowed the wire to burn, thus endangering the property in the flat. When witness remonstrated, the boy later said he was sorry, promised to get a new wire and asked witness not to tell Capt. Harvey. Since then they had been good friends.

Mr. Harris—On your oath, did you intentionally shoot the boy?

Prisoner—I did not, sir.

The Crown Advocate subjected the prisoner to a lengthy cross-

COMRADE BORODIN ON CHINA.

CHIANG NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR JOB.

PRAISE FOR FENG.

The *Outro*, the new Russian paper in Shanghai, reproduces the impressions of a Danish journalist, Mr. Aage Nielson, who managed to interview Comrade Borodin in Moscow.

Borodin, who is about 50, is not at all like what you may think of him when you read his characteristics and descriptions, says the writer.

Very tall, calm, with dark expressive eyes, he weighs every word before he says it and looks much more of a scientist than a revolutionary or an incendiary of the world.

When talking politics he looks in a measure like a British Labourite, who has had a long political training.

"What do you think of Chiang Kai-shek?" he was asked.

"When four years ago we met in Canton," said Comrade Borodin, "we became friends, and I need use no better words against him, as I believe that he honestly thinks he is fighting for the Nationalist reconstruction of China. He is too small to cope with his formidable problem and his entourage pursue their own personal aims."

"I do not believe he will ever succeed, even with Feng Yushiang's assistance, to capture Peking."

"And Feng Yu-hsiang?" was the next question.

"Oh, he is a genius, but manages an asylum for beggars."

Concluding the interview Borodin said:—"I am not fighting at all for establishing communism in China immediately. The time has not come yet for it."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. On what have astronomers in Europe been focusing their attention recently?
2. What was the town of Comelotti?
3. What peers bear these family names respectively: (a) Walpole, (b) Cubitt, (c) Trollope-Wykeham-Pemmes, (d) Tatam, (e) Strutt?
4. What is the obvious difference between the seal or footprint of an ant and that of a dog of equal size?
5. Where are the following English towns: (a) Wandlo, (b) Quaggy, (c) Crooked Oak, (d) Windrush?
6. Who was King Mas-Kalam-Dug, and what does his name mean?
7. Why is an evening so called?
8. What is a Bidding Prayer?
9. When and why were bowls and tennis unlawful games?
10. Who is the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland?
11. What is meant by a "knight of the piskin"?
12. Who was called the "golden-mouthed"?

examination, in which he stuck to his story.

Accused's Clean Sheet.

Major James Jarvis, D. A. P. M. of the North China Command, produced Robertson's regimental and company conduct sheets and said both were clean, there being no entry on either. His employment sheet showed endorsements "very hard-working, honest, sober, and a respectable man; entirely satisfactory and trustworthy." In all cases his military conduct was very good. Witness had known him since March last year, and his conduct was exemplary. Robertson had worked in witness's flat so that he had seen a great deal of the man.

Not Guilty.

At a few minutes past 6 p.m., the jury were told to consider their verdict, but, without leaving the box, Mr. N. W. Hickling announced that their unanimous verdict was "not guilty."

The Judge—Robertson, the jury have found you not guilty and it is only right that I should say that I entirely agree with their verdict. Therefore, you are discharged and there is nothing whatever against your character.

His Lordship thanked the jury for their attention to the case and exempted them from further service for two years.

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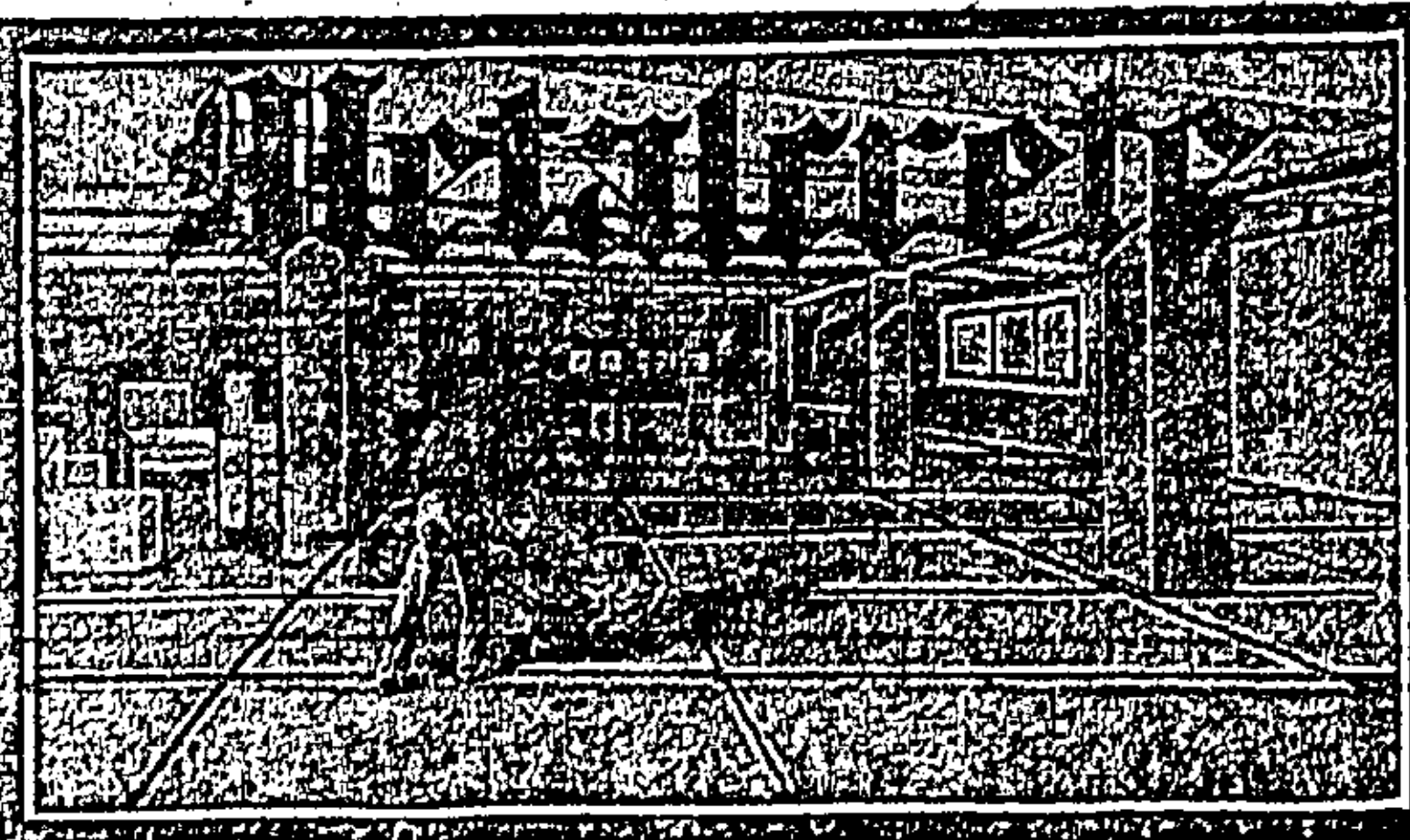
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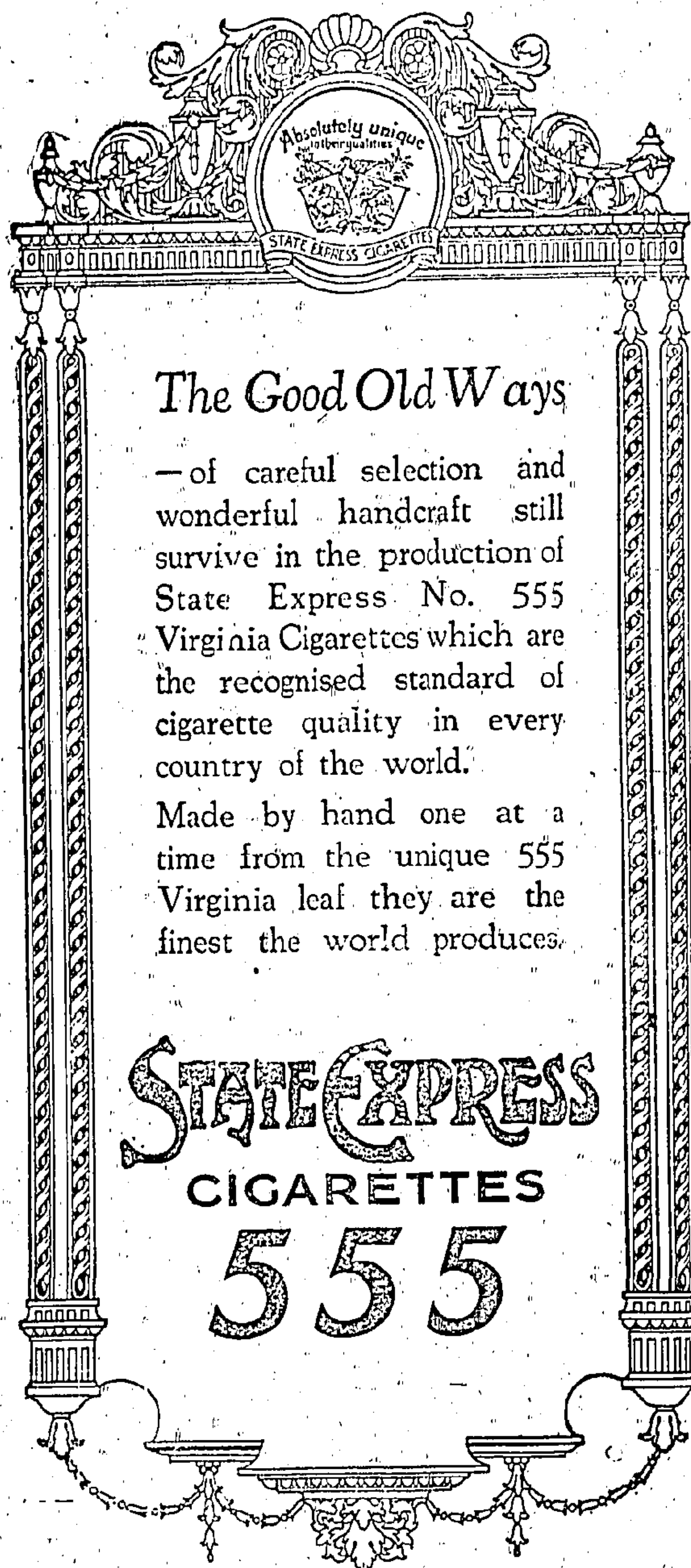
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THE WORLD OF SPORT

CLUB'S VICTORY.

**SURPRISINGLY BIG WIN
OVER SOUTH CHINA.**

MILITARISTS FAIL TO NET.

[By "Wanderer"]

For one reason or another, half the Hongkong Football League matches arranged for Saturday, were postponed, only five matches being completed.

The surprise represented in the Club's victory over South China consisted more in the measure than in the success itself, particularly as the H.K.F.C. was not strongly represented.

The Borderers have a habit of playing goalless draws—they have taken part in more matches of this character than any other team in the League—and they repeated the "offence" against the Royal Artillery. Both forward lines were badly off the target, the goalkeepers having fairly comfortable shots to deal with.

Kowloon's improvement in the Junior Division "A" was emphasised when they repeated their recent victory over the Chinese Athletic. The full results are as follows:

Senior League.	
K.O.S.B.	0 R.A. 0
H.K.F.C.	5 South China 2
Junior Division "A."	
St. Joseph's	4 University 1
Chinese Ath.	0 Kowloon Res. 1
Junior Division "B."	
S. China "B"	1 Kowloon "B" 0
Friendly.	
Kowloon	2 Titania 4

The Club's Spurt.

With twenty minutes to go in the match between the Club and South China, the sides were level, each having scored twice, but shortly afterwards Alexander put the Club ahead, and in the course of some rough play subsequently, many fouls being awarded, the Club netted from a penalty, and then from a free-kick.

A victory by 5 goals to 2 was somewhat unexpected, and although the Club were playing well enough to win for the greater part of the game, the missing of either or both the final goals would have left a result more in keeping with the run of the play.

Smith, a newcomer to the Club ranks, opened the scoring, but South China retaliated with vitality and before the interval had drawn level through Pang Wahing. Bishop shot past Cheung Yuk-kwan soon after the restart, only to see Lai Ting-choi put his side on level terms once again almost from the kick-off.

The Club took command after Fung King-cheung had struck the underside of the cross-bar with a fast shot, and if the standard of play degenerated what advantage there was, was definitely in favour of the home side.

The Club's reconstructed forward line was not well balanced, but they played forceful football, keeping the ball rapidly on the move, relying on dash to carry them through. Li Ting-sang was the outstanding player in the South China defence, which played well until the penalty was awarded, after which they were badly rattled and made many mistakes.

Stewart and Watson showed up prominently in the half-back line, and Lyon and Wallington did better perhaps than was expected of them.

Forward Lines Fail.

Countless scoring chances were thrown away by both the Artillery and the K.O.S.B. at Sookunpo. The Borderers forwards were more to blame than those of the R.A. for their half-backs rendered them far more assistance than came the way of Fulford and his colleagues.

The R.A. lacked cohesion of might have gained both points, as strongly did they rally soon after resumption, but Martin and Gardner were in good fettle and Anderson dealt with every shot in confident manner.

In the first half, the game was all the Borderers way, or nearly so. Philpotts had plenty to do, though he was rarely seriously tested, while Trim and Excell gave little away.

The game did not lack incident, but the defences were at all times too good for the erratic attacks, though it would perhaps be going too far to say that neither side deserved to score. The fault lay in their manner of going about it. The Borderers indulged in over much close-passing against a

THIRD TEST MATCH.

**ENGLAND PASS S.A. TOTAL
QUICKLY.**

HAMMOND MISSES CENTURY.

Durban, Jan. 23.

The weather was overcast when the third Test match was resumed to-day on a faster wicket. Before the luncheon interval England had scored 131 for the loss of two wickets, Holmes making 70.

England lost two further wickets during the afternoon's play, the score at tea being 264 for four. Hammond was not out with 72, while Tyldesley had compiled 78.

At the close of play the score stood at 381 for eight. Hammond was out after having scored 90, and Astill made 40, while Stevens was still in with 42 to his credit.

—*Reuter.*

South Africa went in to bat on Saturday and were all out for 246. Deans and Nupen were the best scorers with 77 and 51. Wyatt took three wickets at a cost of only four runs. The match opened in bright and sunny weather before 2,000 spectators.

GREYHOUND RACING FAILURE.

**COMPANY IN VOLUNTARY
LIQUIDATION.**

London, Jan. 23.

"This is, I think, the first of the Greyhound Racing Companies that have smashed," said Mr. W. H. Cork, auditor, presiding as Liquidator at a statutory meeting of the Southern Canine Racing Stadium Founders' Syndicate, Ltd., formed to operate tracks at Southampton, Gloucester and Swansea.

The Liquidator added that the assets would probably be sufficient to pay the creditors in full, but the shareholders would be in a different position. The Company was registered last August and its capital was increased in September to £50,000, and apparently over £12,000 was subscribed for shares. Of this, about £9,091 had gone to the promoters and the payment of preliminary expenses. The latter totalled £3,514. The only assets were four dogs and some furniture.

A resolution was passed confirming the voluntary liquidation of the Company, with Mr. Cork as Liquidator. —*Reuter.*

More Dogs for Shanghai.

London, Jan. 23.

Seventy-five racing greyhounds have been shipped by the P. and O. s.s. Nagapore, from London, to be used on the new track at Shanghai. Another seventy-five will be shipped in February. —*Reuter.*

vigorous defence, while the R. A. adopted kick and rush tactics with inaccurate passing which enabled Martin and Gardner to take many free-kicks.

The Borderers gave a clever purposeful display in the open, but their inside men were unconvincing in the goal area.

With the Juniors.

Dunnett and Reed (2), enabled Kowloon Reserves to register their second victory over the Chinese Athletic, who were playing two or three reserves. With St. Joseph's winning easily against the University, it seems fairly certain that the College team will be runners-up to the K.O.S.B. Reserves in the Junior Division "A."

Kowloon "B" were defeated by the only goal of their match against South China "B."

Kowloon's Second Half Effort.

The Titania fielded a very strong side against Kowloon in a friendly match on the latter's ground, including Barham, Balcombe, Herbert, and Brockman, all Navy XI players. Kowloon were lacking the services of Sims, playing with the Interport team at Shanghai, but had a good side in the field.

The home defence cracked before a brilliant set up by the Titania in the first half, when the interval arrived, Kernick, Balcombe and Herbert (2) had scored goals.

There were life and thrills in the second half. Kowloon made a good recovery, but a sound defence prevented them from scoring on more than two occasions, Northey getting the first and McKelvie the second. Kowloon were quite a different team after the interval, greatly pleasing a fairly big crowd.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

**TRIANGULAR MATCH AT
TAKKOO.**

A triangular match took place on Saturday at Takkoo Range, between H.M.S. Argus, Kai Tak Rifle Club (R.A.F.), and Takkoo Rifle Club, resulting in a win for H.M.S. Argus and a double win for Takkoo Rifle Club.

Scores:

Takkoo Rifle Club.	
Yds.	200 500 600
Mr. H. Maxwell	24 30 28 82
Mr. A. H. Wallace	30 30 24 84
Mr. A. McIndoe	31 33 31 95
Mr. D. C. Wainwright	29 31 23 88
Mr. T. Grimshaw	31 32 25 88
Mr. K. McLennan	32 31 29 92
Mr. T. Swan	27 31 23 86
Mr. C. Summers	33 35 30 98

Totals 237 253 223 713

Plus 4% For Open Sights

Grand Total 713

H.M.S. "Argus."

Mr. Barber	34 34 29 97
Mr. Nash	25 32 28 85
Capt. Willett	33 30 30 93
Sgt. Hook	28 30 27 85
T. Tol. Wilkins	30 29 30 89
P. O. Carlo	24 29 24 77
Mrs. Reeves	28 29 27 84
Mrs. Ripley	23 25 19 67

Totals 223 238 214 675

Plus 4% For Open Sights

Grand Total 675

Kai Tak Rifle Club (R.A.F.).

F/O. Mellor	26 27 31 84
S. M. Warren	20 25 30 75
Sgt. Pryce	28 29 19 76
A. B. Gallen	22 31 31 84
A. C. Ball	22 25 15 62
M. Milham	28 30 19 77
Mrs. Rock	29 30 24 83
A. C. Rocks	22 23 20 65

Totals 211 200 189 600

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Grand Total 624

SIM HOCKEY SHIELD.

**NAVY SUSTAIN THEIR FIRST
DEFEAT.**

The first challenge to the Navy in the Sim Shield Hockey Competition was made by the Army when they met the Navy for the second time at King's Park yesterday and defeated them by two goals to one in a match that had many exciting moments.

The competing teams, which are the Navy, Army, R.A.F. and Club, have to play each other twice, and previous to yesterday the Navy had secured substantial victories, with the result that they led by six points.

The Army succumbed to the Navy on the first encounter by four goals to two and it was generally conceded that they would have a hard nut to crack if they were to spoil the sailors' unbeaten record. Had the Army against lost yesterday, it would have made the Navy almost certain winners, but owing to reverse interest has now become greater.

The table as it stands at present is as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Navy	4	3	1	—	17	5	6
Army	3	2	1	—	8	6	4
R.A.F.	1	—	1	—	6	—	—
Club	2	—	2	—	2	10	—

A good deal of interest centred in yesterday's game and at first it looked as though the sailors would secure the verdict again. After a short time, however, the soldiers settled down in businesslike fashion and took a large share of the play. Both ends were visited often, especially in the later stages and but for good work by the respective custodians, the scores might have been higher.

Captain Howard secured the lead for the Army in the first half and this was improved upon by Lieut. Burton before the interval. After the resumption, Lieut. Atkinson netted for the Navy and this effort completed the scoring. Both goals had some narrow escapes after this and Captain Renny saved two stinging drives from Navy forwards in the concluding stages.

N. S. W. RUGBY TEAM.

**FINE WIN AGAINST ALL
FRANCE.**

Paris, Jan. 22.

A keenly contested game between the New South Wales tourists, the Waratahs, and a team representative of All-France, yesterday resulted in a victory for the Waratahs by 11 points to 8 points. —*Reuter.*

M.C.C. TOUR.

TEAM LEAVES FOR JAMAICA.

London, Jan. 23.

The English cricket eleven, captained by the Hon. Lionel Tennyson sailed to-day for the tour in Jamaica. —*British Wireless.*

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

**UNITED SERVICES' COLLAPSE
YESTERDAY.**

LEACH IN FORM.

The feature of the three-day match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the United Services, which was commenced on Saturday afternoon and continued yesterday morning, was the sensational collapse of the Service team in the second innings yesterday afternoon.

Donald Leach, the Shanghai Interporter, caused the debacle, dismissing no less than eight batsmen, three of whom were with successive balls, two in one over and the third with the first ball of the next.

The United Services batted first on Saturday and showed wonderful consistency, even against such a strong attack as the Club possesses. With the exception of Salter, Newberry and Wood, all the batsmen reached the twenties, while Tyingham, Sham and Venn had passed the thirty mark before dismissal.

The Services batted all the afternoon and compiled the huge score of 251 runs. Leach was the most successful bowler, taking four wickets for 65. Sayer, captured four for 75.

Undeterred by the colossal score of their opponents, the Club went for the bowling from the outset and with the foundation soundly laid by Hayward and Leach, the opening pair, the "civilian" team was only 21 runs behind on the first innings. Of their total of 230 runs, the Shanghai player contributed 53, while Hayward's score was 43. Other valuable contributions were made by Quick, Sayer, Parker and "Extras."

Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the United Services went in for a second time and none of the batsmen appeared to be comfortable against the bowling of Leach. Reed, was the first to take a wicket in the Services second innings, dismissing Thorp with only two runs on the board.

At 23, Leach sent Salter back to the pavilion, Hayward at silly mid off taking a difficult one handed catch. Tyingham filled the vacancy but the very next ball, the last of the sixth over, he played into the hands of Quick at all.

Musson joined Hunt, who had opened with Thorp. Musson broke his "duck" and at the end of the over faced Leach, who with his first-ball caught and bowled the Artillery man, thus performing the "hat trick."

With four wickets down for 33 runs, Hunt and Erskine made a stand but were separated fifteen runs later, the Lieutenant being caught by Hayward off Leach. Wickets fell in quick succession and at 4.45 p.m. the United Services were all dismissed for 70 runs, leaving the Club 92 runs to win.

At the close of play, the Club had scored 25 runs for the loss of one wicket. The match will be continued to-day.

The full scores were:

United Services.	
Lt. Salter, c Leach, b Reed	6
Capt. Thorpe, c and b Sayer	27
Lt. Hunt, c Hayward, b Reed	25
Capt. Tyingham, c Leach, b Sayer	28
Capt. Dobbie, b Leach	32
Capt. Erskine, c and b Sayer	31
Lt. Comdr. Shaw, c sub, b Leach	39
Rev. Venn, lbw, b Leach	36
Lt. Cecil, c Scott, b Leach	25
C. O. M. S. Newberry, st Pearce, b Sayer	5
Wood, not out	0
Extras	7

Total 251

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. B. Reed	19	3	68	2
D. W. Leach	26	14	65	4
G. R. Sayer	16	7	75	4
E. W. Hamilton	8	—	36	—

Hongkong C.C.—1st Innings.

A. W. Hayward, b Shaw	43
D. W. Leach, c Cecil, b Erskine	26
G. R. Sayer, c Musson, b Thorp	29
T. E. Pearce, c Thorp, b Erskine	28
O. Moor, c Venn, b Erskine	9
M. D. Scott, c Newberry, b Musson	5
H. V. Parker, not out	14
J. R. Hinton, run out	21
E. W. Hamilton, run out	0
E. B. Reed, lbw, Newberry	0
Extras	22

Total 230

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thorp	21	6	49	2
Erskine	20	3	63	8
Wood	5	—	18	—
Musson	9	2	28	1
Newberry	44	—	51	1
Shaw	5	1	20	1

*Bowled one wide each.

United Services.—2nd Innings.

Capt. Thorp, c Leach, b Reed	1
Lt. Salter, c Hayward, b Leach	6
Lt. Hunt, c Hayward, b Leach	23
Capt. Tyingham, c Quick, b Leach	0
Lt. Cecil, c and b Leach	1

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Capt. Erskine, b Parker	17
Pap. Lieut. Com. Shaw, b Leach	4
Rev. Venn, c Parker, b Leach	9
S. Q.M.S. Newberry, c and b Leach	0
Tel. Wood, c and b Leach	0
Lieut. Cecil, not out	0
Extras	4

Total 70

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	14	3	22	8
Quick	1	—	9	—
*Parker	6	3	11	1

*Bowled two no balls.

Hongkong C.C.—2nd Innings.

A. W. Hayward, not out	11
Rev. E. K. Quick, b Erskine	6
M. D. Scott, not out	4
Extras	4

Total (for 1 wkt.) 25

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Erskine	4	1	12	1
Thorp	3	—	5	—
Newberry	2	—	2	—
Musson	1	—	4	—

RAPID SCORING.

Kowloon C.C. All Day Match.

An interesting match between the President's XI and the Vice-President's XI was played on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday. It was an all-day match and produced some heavy scoring.

The President's side took first knock and ran up the big total of 173. Rev. Murray being top scorer with 62. A condition was that a batsman making a half century had to retire.

The Vice-President's eleven started none too well but a fine partnership between Bevis and Lawrence, both of whom scored fifty, enabled them eventually to pass their opponents' total with only six wickets down. The score eventually reached 208.

Scores:

President's XI.	
W. Brace, b Goodwin	23
C. T. Evans, b Lyal	0
G. Lee, b Lyal	1
C. T. Tachi, b Goodwin	2
Rev. J. P. Murray, retired	52
N. H. Ross, c Abraham, b Buxton	25
R. E. Lindsell, b Goodwin	37
W. Guest, not out	4
W. Hiss, c Hyde, b Lyal	4
P. C. Herdige, b Goodwin	4
V. Hast, c Hevis, b Lyal	0
Extras	25

Total 173

KWANTI RACES.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING.

Big fields were the order of the day at the Chinese New Year Meeting of the Fanling Hunt Steeplechase held on Saturday. The attendance left a good deal to be desired, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm, and those who made the trip to Kwanti enjoyed a good afternoon's sports.

There were two upsets, in one case the winner returning a dividend of \$162. Easter Day maintained his reputation as the best steeplechaser by winning once again the big race of the day.

January Maiden Plate, 1 mile.—For China ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$20, 3rd saves entry.

Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's San Diego (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Scooter (Mr. Bullock) 2
Mr. Hee Cheong's Man of War (Mr. Charles) 3

3 lengths, 1/2 length.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$750, Places 1st \$5.00, 2nd \$6.00, 3rd \$5.80.

Kwanti New Year Handicap, 1 1/4 miles.—For China ponies. 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$20, 3rd saves entry.

Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper (Mr. Durlacher) 1
Mr. Macnamara's James Pigg (Mr. Miller) 2
Messrs. Usher and Reidy's Macao Beauty (Mr. Reidy) 3

A neck, 4 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$39.70, Places 1st \$8.40, 2nd \$9.20, 3rd \$6.70.

Fanling Cup, 1 1/4 miles.—For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. For a Cup presented by Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard. 2nd prize \$50, 3rd saves entry.
Mr. Usher's Easter Day (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mr. Maas's Caviare (Mr. Osborne) 2

2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$6.50, Place 1st \$7.20.

Heavy Weight Stakes, 1 mile.—For China ponies that have started twice and not won at Kwanti Race Course. Catch weights 163 lbs. 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$20, 3rd saves entry.
Col. Conyn's Dumbell 168 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 1
Dr. Durran's Drake 168 lbs. (Dr. Durran) 2
Mrs. Dyer's Yorks, 168 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 3

Many lengths, many lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$162.00, Places 1st \$20.30, 2nd \$10.50, 3rd \$17.60.

January Stakes, 7 furlongs.—For China ponies that have started at this meeting or at Kwanti Race Course since December 1, 1927. Winners at this meeting barred. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have won a Steeplechase since December 1, 1927, 6 lbs. penalty. Ponies that have started at this meeting 5 lbs. allowance. 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$20, 3rd saves entry.

Col. Conyn's Durham (Mr. Sugden) 1
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Humdinger (Mr. Bullock) 2
Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades (Mr. Shillington) 3

Many lengths, 1/2 length.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$31.40, Places 1st \$8.50, 2nd \$8.00, 3rd \$34.60.

Cash Sweeps.

The following is the result of the various Cash Sweeps. In the Special \$1 sweep for the third race, there being only two starters, the pool was divided between the first and second prizes. The winning numbers were:—
Ticket No. 3,865 \$3,182.40
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YACHTING.

EIGHTH CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The eighth Championship race was sailed at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Saturday, the course being Channel Rock (P), Kowloon Rock (P), mark on line (P) and Lyemun Beacon (S), a distance of 8.75 miles. The handicap start was at 2.25, that for the D. and G. class five minutes later and the Y class at 2.35.

The times were as follows:

Handicap.	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Diana (2)	4.12.14	4.10.46 1/2
Colleen (3)	4.18.39	4.11.21 1/2
Rolla	4.13.11	4.13.11
Argulla	4.26.04	4.17.19
Dorothea (1)	4.17.20	4.08.35

D. and G. Class.	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Daphne (3)	4.38.16	4.38.16
Ailsa	Did not finish.	
Halcyon	4.40.22	4.40.22
Gael	4.48.51	4.42.17 1/2
Piorrette	4.43.05	4.39.27 1/2
Thecla	Did not finish.	
Viking (2)	4.46.16	4.36.47 1/2
Joan (1)	4.39.21	4.32.47 1/2

Y. Class.	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Why Wonder (1)	4.41.50	4.41.50
Wings	4.47.53	4.47.53
Bluenose (3)	4.43.09	4.43.09
Boojum	4.45.20	4.45.20
Adele	4.46.04	4.46.04
Adanae	4.47.03	4.47.03
Zephyr	4.58.25	4.51.51 1/2
Lola (2)	4.48.20	4.42.30

Service Sailing Race.
Only three boats turned out for the Service sailing race, which was over the course Channel Rock (P), Kowloon Rock (P), mark on line (S) and Cuckoo Rock (S).

The whaler from the Argus was sailed by Lieut. Bassett, that from the Sirdar by C.P.O. Kent and the boat from the Serapis by L. S. Coleman. The result was as follows: Argus whaler 4.27.00 4.27.00
Sirdar whaler 4.28.12 4.26.35
Serapis whaler Did not finish.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

CRAIGENGOWER WIN AN EXCITING MATCH.

An exciting match was witnessed at Happy Valley, where Craiggower C. C. defeated the Royal Artillery by the narrow margin of seven runs. The home team, lost nine wickets for 71 runs, but a valuable last-wicket partnership between Y. Abbas and Moll put on 40 runs, making the total 111. Capt. Howard, going in last for the Artillery, made a great effort to knock off the runs required, and only just failed, the home team winning by the narrow margin of seven runs.

Varsity's Sixth Successive Victory.
The University second eleven obtained their sixth successive League victory on Saturday, defeating the Royal Navy by four wickets in a heavy scoring game.

Recreio v. Tamar.
The feature of the encounter between the Club de Recreio and F.M.S. Tamar was the fine bowling of Waters for the Tamar. In six overs he obtained five wickets for six runs. It was a low-scoring game, the Club de Recreio winning by 66 runs. (Score:)

C.S. v. R.A.O.C.
At Civil Service C.C., the R.A.O.C. dismissed the home team for 38 runs and then went on to make 91.

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HOME SOCCER.

HIGH SCORING IN SCOTTISH CUP.

Full results of the Scottish Cup and League matches, as cable by Reuter, are given below.

Scottish Cup.

Beith	1	Airdrieonians	4
Ruth. Rov.	4	Aberdeen	3
Alton Ath.	2	Prestonburgh	0
Vale of Leven	1	Leith Am.	2
Albion	5	Glasgow Univ.	1
Celtic	3	Pathgate	1
Brechin	3	Lochgelly	1
Queen's Park	2	Arthurlie	0
East Stirling	0	Rangers	0
Third Lanark	10	Clackmannan	0
Forfar	2	St. Johnstone	2
Arbroath	7	Donn	0
C.S. Strollers	0	King's Park	3
Armadale	3	Berwick Rang.	1
Cowdenbeath	12	Johnstone	0
Forfar	2	Queen of South	1
Montrose	0	Stenhousemuir	5
Clydebank	0	Dunfermline	1
Partick	9	Inverness City	1
White of Athol	1	Newton Stewart	1
Arbroath	2	Nithsdale Wand.	3
Forres Moch.	2	Elgin City	1
Stranraer	2	Dundee	4
Keith	5	Dalbeattie Star	2
Falkirk	3	St. Bernard's	1
St. Mirren	6	Clyde	1
Leith Ath.	3	Kilmarnock	3
Huntly	0	Motherwell	1
East Fife	1	Dundee U.	1

Division I.

Arsenal	0	Aston Villa	3
Birmingham	2	Everton	2
Bolton	2	Bury	1
Burnley	5	Sheff. U.	1
Leicester	0	Derby	0
Liverpool	2	Sunderland	5
Huddersfield	2	Tottenham	2
Middlesbrough	1	Cardiff	1
Newcastle	4	Manchester U.	1
Portsmouth	2	West Ham	1
Wolves	4	Blackburn	1

Division II.

Bristol C.	0	Grimsby	0
Chelsea	2	Fulham	2
Clapton O.	2	Blackpool	1
Hull	1	Port Vale	1
Manchester C.	3	St. Shields	0
Notts. Forest	2	Leeds	2
Preston N.E.	5	Wolves	4
Southampton	1	Notts. Cnty.	0
Stoke	3	Oldham	1
Swansea	3	Barnsley	3
West Brom.	5	Reading	3

Division III. (South).

Brentford	0	Queen's P.R.	3
Coventry	2	Bristol R.	3
Crystal Pal.	4	Exeter	1
Exeter	1	Northants	1
Gillingham	3	Plymouth	1
Luton	2	Bournemouth	1
Millwall	6	Brighton	3
Newport	4	Charlton	0
Swindon	4	Watford	0
Torquay	4	Norwich	0
Walsall	2	Methery	2

Division III. (North).

Accrington	1	Doncaster	3
Bradford C.	0	Itallfax	0
Chesham	0	Bradford	0
Durham	1	Stockport	2
Harlepool	0	Darlington	1
Lincoln	3	Ashington	1
New Brighton	5	Gresley	0
Rochdale	3	Wigan	1
Rotherham	4	Nelson	0
Southport	0	Barrow	3
Wrexham	2	Tranmere	0

WIN FOR ENGLAND.

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NEW REPORT.

CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM.

The annual report of the Agent-General for Reparations, Mr. Parker Gilbert, issued recently, is, as was to be expected, dominated by the now famous memorandum of October 20, which drew attention to German extravagance, and by the cause of anxiety which gave rise to its presentation. Again and again the report refers to the memorandum, which its author is in no mood to allow to be forgotten.

At the same time it does not fail to observe signs which, as part consequence of the memorandum itself, afford grounds for cautious optimism as to the future.

"It is of the utmost significance," says the Agent-General, "that the Government of the Reich in the past few weeks has made repeated declarations emphasising the importance of the strictest economy in public expenditure. If these declarations are followed by evidence of more resistance to new expenditure, and if the German Government will now make them its active policy for the future, the practical results will soon begin to appear in the Budgets of the Reich."

High Budget Estimates.

In the draft Budget for 1928-9 there are indeed "few tangible developments, except the reduction in the extraordinary expenditure," and "the estimated expenditure (in the ordinary Budget) have again risen to the highest point since stabilisation"—9,532,700,000 marks (£476,535,000). On the other side, however, "the most impressive thing is the continued vitality of the sources of revenue," and the absence of any authorisation for borrowing constitutes a "fundamental departure," which the Agent-General views with evident satisfaction.

The Agent-General remarks that there is a "much diminished margin of safety" in the direction of the extraordinary receipts on which the Finance Minister has built up his Budget. At the same time he says: "It becomes more and more clear that neither the reparations problem nor the other problems depending upon it will be finally solved until Germany has been given a definite task to perform on her own responsibility without foreign supervision and without transfer protection."

MAYFAIR ROMANCE.

LORD TREDEGAR'S SON AND
HON. LOIS STURT.

The engagement of the Hon. Evan Morgan, son of Viscount Tredegar, and the Hon. Lois Sturt, daughter of the late Lord Alington, is expected to be announced shortly.

Miss Sturt was at one time a leader of the Society of Bright Young People, which enlivened Mayfair with its ingenious pranks.

On one occasion she was fined for driving her car through Regent's Park at 51 miles an hour in a game called "Chasing Clues."

Of her serious side, it may be mentioned that she and her brother, Lord Alington, were adopted by Shoreditch as candidates for the L.C.C.

Turf Successes.

One of the most popular women in society, Miss Sturt has figured as painter and film actress, and has had several successes on the turf. In the film world she appeared with Lady Diana Cooper in "The Glorious Adventure."

The Hon. Evan Morgan, who is 34 and heir to the 40,000 acres and the vast commercial interests of his father, recently came into prominence by foiling the efforts of some society jokers who had sent out bogus invitations to his birthday party at a West-end restaurant.

To make sure that no unauthorised person was admitted he arranged that genuine guests should present seven cards for admittance.

Some idea of his versatility may be gathered from the fact that he—

Published several volumes of verse and a novel.

Is standing as Conservative candidate for Limehouse.

Painted two pictures which were shown at the Paris Salon of 1913.

Owned an aeroplane.

He was private secretary to Mr. W. C. Bridgeman when the latter was Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, and during the Peace Conference in Paris was on the staff of the Foreign Press Bureau.

Mr. Morgan is a Roman Catholic. He holds an honorary post at the Vatican, and has acted as Private Chamberlain to the Pope.

TOWN SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION.

GASOMETER BLOWN UP AT
SOUTHPORT.

Southport, Dec. 23.

Southport had a remarkable escape from a terrible disaster when a gasometer holding 1,500,000 cubic feet of gas exploded early this morning.

Houses were shaken five miles away from the scene of the explosion.

The cause is a mystery. An explosion occurred in the meter house, which was wrecked completely.

Masonry was hurled into the air and a large piece fell on the gasometer, piercing the shell. Flames shot into the air, illuminating the sky for miles.

John Thomas Newton, of Hart-street, who was working in the meter house when the explosion occurred, was buried under the debris.

Firemen and other workmen were promptly on the scene, and he was extricated and taken to hospital.

Another gas worker, Emmanuel Phipps, of Barkdale, was injured also.

Windows Broken.

Houses were shaken and terrified residents ran to the streets, sometimes scantily clad in night attire.

Scarcely a window was left intact in the district.

Two fire engines pumped water on the leaping flames for 40 minutes, and the gasometer was filled with water to get out any air.

The town's gas supply was cut off and inspectors hurried through the streets warning residents to keep gas taps turned off.

Councillor Fred Scott, vice-chairman of the Gas Committee, said that it was a wonder how the big gasometer, 12 yards away, containing 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas, was not wrecked.

"Had that happened," he said, "the results would have been terrible."

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

DANGERS OF THE SODA
HABIT.

MISTAKEN PRACTICE.

When the tired business man leaves the quick lunch counter on a busy day and returns to his office, he sometimes begins to complain of stomach ache an hour or so later. He may belch either air or the gastric juice from the stomach; he may feel distended, and sometimes he complains of pain in the region of the stomach and of dizziness.

Usually a friend in the office recommends to him that he get some soda at the nearest drug counter and that this will give him relief.

Sometimes it does and thereupon soda becomes to him a panacea for all disorders of the stomach regardless of their cause.

Not infrequently the symptoms complained of are simply the result of eating too rapidly and swallowing a great deal of air in the process.

Digestion of food in the stomach does not proceed without the presence of a certain amount of acid. If sodium bicarbonate is used in large amounts it either stops digestion entirely or forces the membranes of the stomach to give off even more acid in an attempt to neutralize the alkaline soda. Besides, much of the soda may be taken up by the blood and given off through the kidneys, placing an unusual burden on these organs.

In the case of any disability associated with the digestion of food and accompanied by severe symptoms the patient will do better to find out whether the disability is actual or only the result of bad eating habits.

A physician who investigates such a case will examine the secretions of the stomach as to the amount of acid they contain and will determine whether or not the acids need neutralization. He will also study the movement of the stomach to determine if it is passing the food along properly.

Since the symptoms referred to are not infrequently the first signs of an erosion of the stomach wall, leading perhaps to gastric ulcer or to more serious conditions, the patient will do better to place his reliance on diagnosis than on too frequent doses of baking soda.

THEATRE POSER FOR COURT.

COULD MARIE LLOYD HAVE
PLAYED LADY MACBETH?

Mr. James Bromley Challenor, the actor-manager, was sued at Marylebone County Court recently by an actress for breach of contract and salary due.

Plaintiff was Mrs. Florence Robinson, professionally known as "Florence Trevor," a widow, who claimed £50.

Mrs. Robinson said she lent Mr. Challenor £200 to help him out of a great difficulty.

"I went down to the theatre one morning," she said "and found the company rehearsing in the dark. The electric light bill had not been paid. It was in order that we might ring up the curtain that night that I lent Mr. Challenor the money."

She successfully sued Mr. Challenor, who then entered into an agreement with her to pay her by instalments and to give her employment. It was agreed that she should play "Auntie" in "When Knights Were Bold" at £5 a week. After a while Mr. Challenor gave the part of "Auntie" to another actress and she was left out of the company for a time.

After that she was given a walking-on role at £3 a week.

Could Play Any Part.

Asked by Mr. Goodman Roberts, counsel for Mr. Challenor, if the parts she had were suitable, Mrs. Robinson replied, "I am an actress. I can play any part."

Mr. Roberts said that possibly opinions might differ on such a point. The late Marie Lloyd would have looked somewhat inappropriate in the part of Lady Macbeth.

Mr. Bromley Challenor said he did not consider that Mrs. Robinson was suitably cast as "Auntie."

Deputy Judge Turrell gave judgment for Mrs. Robinson for £49 and costs. He was of opinion that "Auntie" was a suitable part for her, or she would not have been allowed to play it for several weeks.

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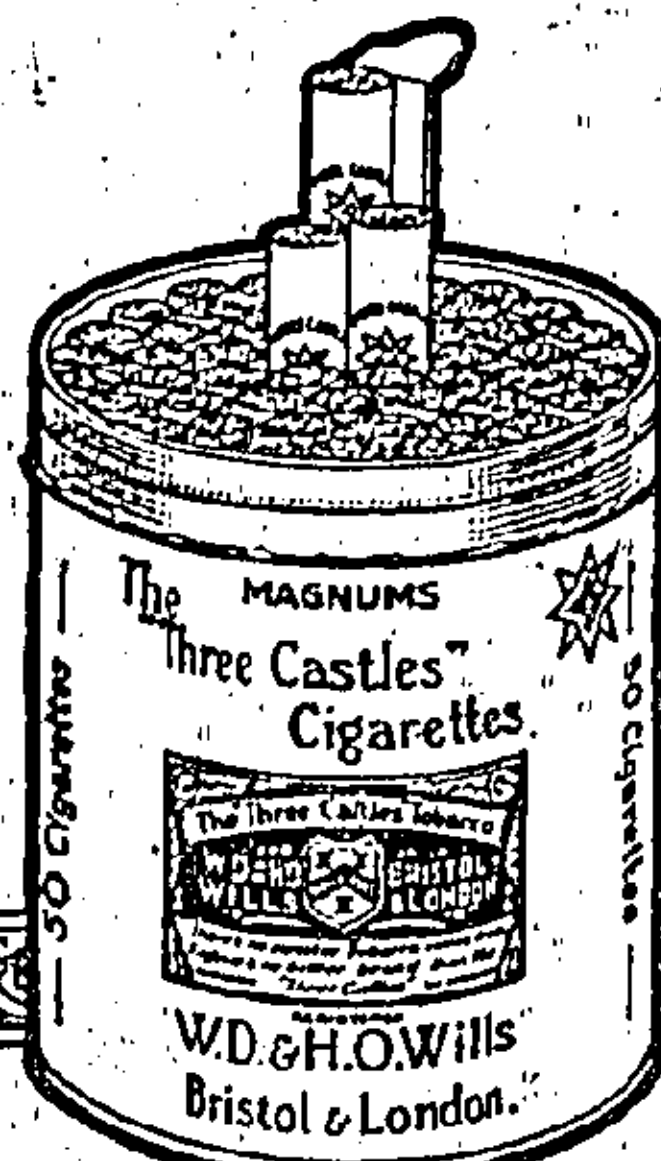
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CHAPTER XXIII.

He talked in a loud hurried voice, the voice of one talking in sleep, with jerks and pauses between the words, now dying away, now beginning again.

It was some time before she made any sense of it. It died off to a low grumble—the grumble in which he scolded at Mrs. Cronch. That grumble going on endlessly, somewhere in the house, had become a familiar sound in Beata's ears, telling her when Cronch had come back.

"You!" he said, "to be meddlin' with me! Why, I could string you up easy enough. You skinned the old lady right enough out of her life. She had no right to wear those pearls tempting a poor woman. That wouldn't go down in law, my girl. I suppose you thought they would look scrumptious on your white neck!"

The jeering laugh went off into a grunt and a snore, with a horrible effect; and presently the talking began again.

"You wouldn't have hurt her for the world! You tell that to another. Poor old lady! I do pity her when she caught sight in the glass of you clawing at her throat! You wouldn't have hurt a hair of her head. Do you suppose you'd be believed in a Court of Justice? You must have looked pretty when you clawed at her throat. No wonder the poor old soul died of it."

Again the jeering laugh went off in a chuckle, and again there was silence. To the appalled listener it seemed that the silence lasted for a long time.

Presently the gabbling began again.

"Two hundred pounds! Why, I was dirt cheap at the money; dirt cheap. Not many men would have done it for twice that. And see what I've tied round my neck. A lamenting, praying fool, when I could have a girl who would enjoy life with me. What d'ye say—Mr. Carden? I'd put up with him long enough. He was that fractious that he drove me mad. I never meant to do more than hit him, but he fell right over and hit his silly head against the fender. You were easy taken in. But now—he's a coming up through the moat! It's just about time for me to clear out. I'd like those pearls!"

The voice, lifting and falling, died away into a monotonous grumbling. The girl, crouched on the floor, was glad when it ceased. The words had been interlarded by foulnesses, most of which, happily, she did not understand. Face downward on the floor she felt as though sheer horror would drive her mad. Perhaps her mind wandered. She began to think of herself with a dreamy pity as for some other person; of poor mumsie, who was sleeping quietly in the next room, not knowing the terrible thing that had happened to her poor Beata; of Anthony Napier, who would have died for her. Would her angels never come?

She tried to push off despair by thinking that it was better this dreadful thing should have happened to her rather than to her mother, as it might have happened; but there was no comfort that way, for what would her mumsie do when she knew how her Beata had died? She was quite sure that she was going to die, of terror, if nothing else. How little Anthony could imagine the awful thing that was befalling her, that she was here at the mercy of this murderer by his own confession. Cronch had assumed the most terrible aspect in her mind, something utterly unlike the flabby, respectable butler who had cleaned the silver and waited at table, and had been always well-mannered and ready to do anything demanded of him, before he had gone back to his vomit.

The revelation about Mrs. Cronch had been overwhelming. She never thought of disbelieving Cronch's ravings. That might come later. With her literary sense she saw the whole thing—the sudden covetousness of the pearls, the threatening intent, the momentary murderous intent, seen by the old lady in the glass. She could believe that Mrs. Cronch had been kind in her dealings with her mistress. Mrs. Ansel would have been attached to her. And then, the sudden, horrible change!

So that was what Mrs. Cronch meant by her incessant going back to her own wickedness and her need for forgiveness. To think how her own precious mother had worn her pearls day after day, in the sight of a woman capable of such an impulse, even if it was only momentary. There was little

in her mind between the potential criminality of the woman and the positive criminality of her wretched husband.

All sorts of wavering thoughts kept passing through her mind. She was nipped to the bone with cold, but she was hardly aware of the discomfort. She had heard that people thought clearly in the face of great danger. Her thoughts slipped through her mind before she could grasp them.

She felt the odour of mortality all about her, suffocating her. She wanted to scream, but she did not dare. The whole place was poisoned.

She had a new terror. This hysterical impulse! It it got the better of her and she screamed! She would be so powerless, penned in the recess, if Cronch should step upon her, and batter her to death! Her sanity was going. Whatever happened she must get away.

She drew herself up as gently as she could, and, having waited a second or two, she parted the curtains ever so slightly and looked through. Quiet as her movements had been the sleeper had heard. The snoring ceased. She dropped the curtain, but she knew that Cronch was awake. He had lifted himself on his elbow.

"What's that?" he muttered. It was later than she had thought, or she had been in her hiding-place longer than she knew. Perhaps she had slept or fainted or something. Anyhow, the grey dawn was in the room. And—was someone standing by the foot of the bed? Had she heard, or only fancied she heard, the drip-drip of wet garments?

Her sanity was going. She had been holding on to it so desperately hard. She was imagining things. It was a house peopled with ghosts. Was it only yesterday, only yesterday, that Anthony Napier had laughed his clear common sense through all the ghosts? But none of them had known yesterday the horror the night was to reveal to her.

She waited for discovery and the hopeless struggle. No longer could she even think of the angels, and ask them to save her. Heaven had forgotten her.

"I tell you I never meant to do it," he muttered, huskily, addressing something, and there was craven fear in his cry as he ended up. "You was so troublesome, worritin' a poor man out of his senses, and then to crumple up for a little thing like that!"

There was a sudden leap from the bed; a rush across the floor as of someone fleeing before a nameless terror; the sound of the window being flung up violently and then brought down again. Then something blood-red in the room, turning all it fell upon to its own deep colour.

It was only the windy dawn breaking. Someone was hammering at the door, calling her name. She had an idea that that had been going on for some time before she was aware of it.

She dragged her cramped and aching limbs on to the bed, avoiding carefully the pillow on which Cronch's head had lain. She felt as though she was dragging a body heavier than lead. The room was flooded with the rosy dawn. Beyond the windows were clouds torn in rays by the wind, their greyiness turned to crimson like an old head dabbled in blood.

At the foot of the bed she paused, looking down at her bare feet with a little shudder. If the carpet had been wet under them she would not have been surprised.

Then she was seized with a vehement haste to be out of the room. Her frozen hands felt for the key.

It was not in the lock. Now she remembered what she had forgotten, that she had dropped the key last night and had not troubled to recover it, having groped for it for a second or two without finding it. She would have been in worse case than she had imagined if she had made the dash to escape which had been in her mind.

Now she was wild to get out, lest Cronch should come back. She groped on the floor, answering the beating on the door with a voice which she felt to be too weak to carry.

At last she found the key. It had slid away under a chest of drawers. She had hardly strength to turn it in the lock, to open the door, and be received into her mother's arms.

There were no explanations possible. Beata was unit as yet to say more than that she had been frightened.

"I want to get out! I want to get out!" she kept crying, like the starling in "The Sentimental

"REDS" NEARING SWATOW.

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It is reported that as the folk in their village they looked back to see it already in flames. The district city itself is threatened, and along the parallel road the town of June-tham is also in danger. Khucham is the place which marks the boundary between the Hwei-chow and the Chaochow districts, and if it were taken, the plain of Phou-long would lie open to them. Phou-long district already has its own vigorous body of Communists, and has been much disturbed for some months.

It is also said that in yet another direction, towards Ng-fa, some of Phan Phai's men are moving. It seems clear then that they are definitely attempting to extend their power beyond the Hai-Luk Fung area, and that unless some drastic action is taken they will quickly become a formidable menace.—Our Own Correspondent.

OVERLOOKED TREASURES.

FLAGONS OF CROMWELL'S TIME.

Regarded as of no value and kept for a time in a clothes basket under the verger's bed, and afterwards in a tin box in a coal shed, two silver-gilt flagons, dating from the days of Cromwell, were recently found at East Horsley Church, near Guildford. They have been valued at £2,000.

In view of the fact that the living has a net income of only £213, an application was heard at Guildford for a faculty to sell the flagons. In granting the application, the Chancellor of the Diocese stipulated that they should be sold for ecclesiastical purposes.

LADIES' GOLF.

FORTHCOMING BOGEY COMPETITION.

In the ladies' section of the R.H.K. Golf Club, a bogey competition is to be held on the New Course, Fanling, on Friday, 17th February, for a prize kindly presented by Mrs. F. M. Crawford; 3/4 handicap allowed.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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Journey." She slept fitfully, and she awoke in high fever. It was the fever, her mother thought, that made the girl cling to her, imploring her not to allow Mrs. Cronch into the room—not to leave her for a second.

Mrs. Cronch came and went with one thing or another for what had been so quickly turned into a sick-room. She wore such a terrified look as to make Mrs. de Burgh's kind heart ache for her. She had turned and gone out without a word when Beata had screamed at her first coming into the room.

"It's only what I deserve," she said, when Mrs. de Burgh apologized for Beata saying that it was only the whim of a sick child. "My own Nelly would maybe have turned from me if she had lived."

After that, she brought everything that was needed to the door of the sick-room and left it there. Her abasement of humility forced itself as something oddly touching on the consciousness even of one preoccupied with her child's illness and its mysterious, unknown causes.

(To be continued.)

THE MACAO ART EXHIBITION.

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classified but forming part of the exhibition.

The Awards.

The following are the prize-winning pictures:—
By Carlos de Souza—A 20 "Cumulus," B 8 "Barboiro ambulante," B 10 "Remendao ambulante," B 10 "En plena fama," C 3 "Um rua do Bazar," C 4 "No Bazar," C 5 "Junco de pesca"—Gold Medal.

J. Climaco do Rosario—A 37—"Silhueta," A 40 "Vasco da Gama," A 43 "Colina da Guila," A 60 "Cemiterio," C 2 "Tipografica Mercantil"—Gold Medal.

Kai Chong & Co.—A 94 "Barra Temple," B 23 "Procession," B30 "Village Life"—Silver Medal. By A. A. Rujahn—A112—"Ave Maria," B 32 "Our Water Supply"—Silver Medal.

H. W. Hammond—B1 "Drying Nets," B2 "Home from the Fishing," D 2 B—"Lads of the Village"—Grounds—Certificates of Merit.

Dr. Li Sung—B4, B6—Certificates of Merit.
Fo Man Lau—C13 "Denizens of the Deep," C16 "Curtains of the Main"—Certificates of Merit.

A. B. Vasconcelos—C20—Dredger.
H. Yoshioka—D 22 A "Cherry Blossom," D24 A "Late Autumn," D 25 A—"Winter Scenery"—Gold Medal.

Koyo Kawaguchi—D 44 A—"Crossing the River," D 45 A—"Mountain Scenery"—Silver Medal.
Hartung's—D 27 B "Fisherman," &c.—Silver Medal.

Joao de Bianchi—D 72 A Penguins, &c.—Silver Medal.
William Wu—D 76 A—Sunset—Certificate of Merit.

F. de Lara Reis—D 95 A "Temple"—Certificate of Merit.
H. Sakai—D 167 A "Mystic Beauty," D 171 A "Park of Nara," D 176 A "The Suburbs," D 177 A "Light and Shadow," D 178 A "Kasuga Temple"—Gold Medal.

F. J. Tavares D 181 A "Colomus Clouds," D 39 d "Portrait"—E23—Full Moon, Silver Medal.
Paul Braga—D 195 A The End of the Trail—Certificate of Merit.

P. A. Dragon D 198 A "The Outpost," D 201 A "Ethereal Surges," D 3 C "Shunting"—Silver Medal.

The Opening Ceremony.

The exhibition was formally opened on Sunday, the ceremony being performed by H. E. the Governor of Macao. There was a large attendance of prominent Macao residents present, as well as many visitors from Hongkong.

In asking His Excellency to open the exhibition, Mr. Carlos Alves, Director of the Port Works Department, said that of the Portuguese colonies, Macao, perhaps, occupied the highest position from an intellectual point of view, clearly evidenced by a reference to recent developments, and it was a land where the spirit of patriotism was deeply rooted, where in a magnificent history the most brilliant traditions are closely woven. Speaking of the Exhibition, he said it was an attempt, through photography, to serve as a stimulus among the artists of the Portuguese, who have already distinguished themselves in the East, to reproduce Macao in what was best in the eyes of the Portuguese and those of her friends who love to visit Macao, and thus to record her enchanting scenes that reminded them of Portugal.

After declaring the exhibition open, H. E. the Governor congratulated the exhibitors, especially H. E. the Minister for Portugal in Peking for his remarkably fine photographs expressing homage to the glorious departed. He also made reference to the work of the judges and the help given by Mr. Paul Braga, of Hongkong; Mr. Souza, Consul for Portugal in Kobe; Mr. Carlos Alves, Mr. Jack Braga and Mr. Fernando Lari Reis. In conclusion, His Excellency said he felt sure the visitors to the exhibition would take away with them confirmation of the fact that there existed in Macao a desire to progress and yet exist in harmony with all neighbouring countries and Colonies, especially those with which Portugal had maintained for centuries the most affable relations of commerce and friendship.

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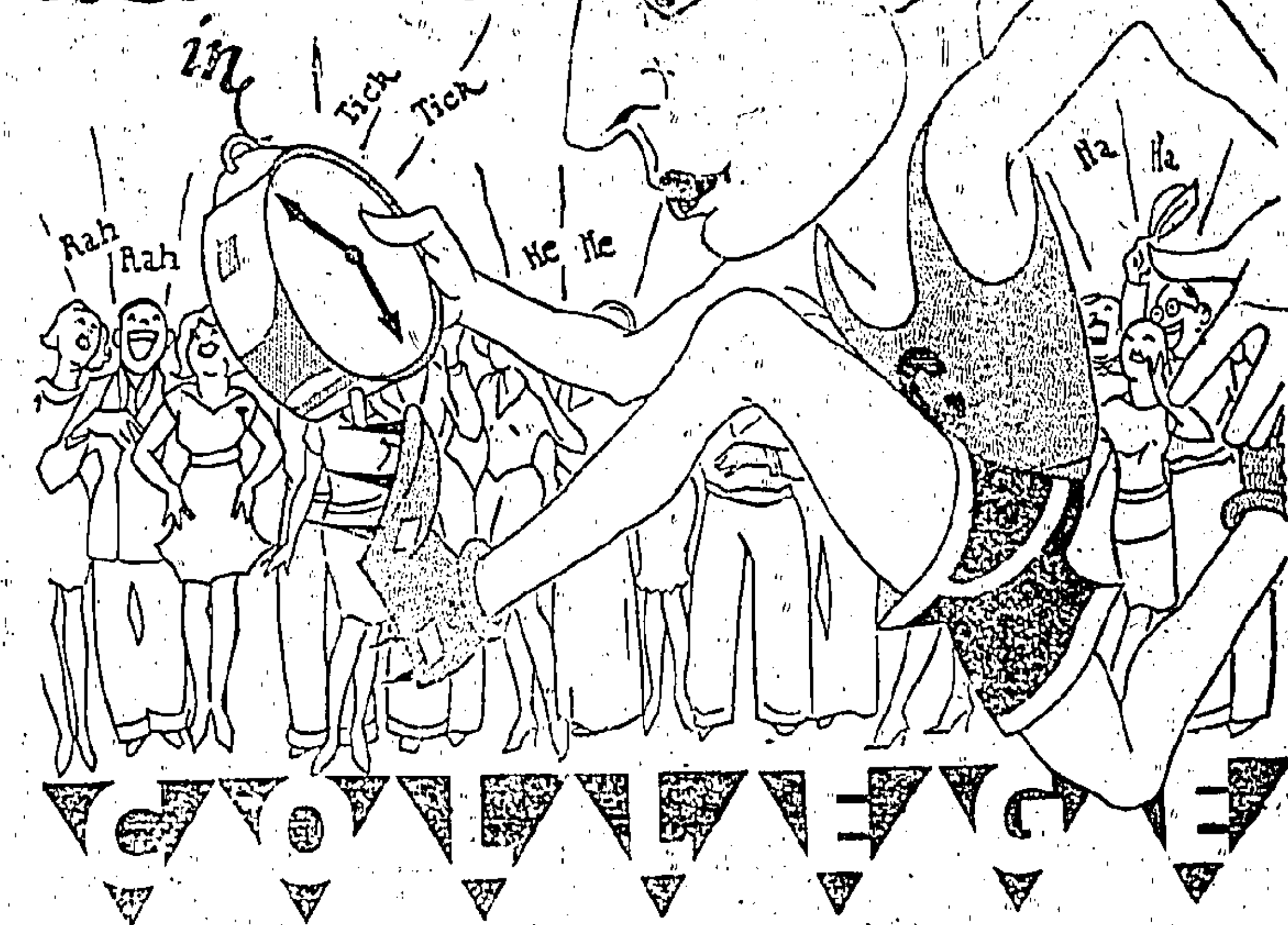
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DOCTORS AND A CAT.

CRUELTY CHARGES FOLLOW
"SCENE" IN A HOSPITAL.

At Tower Bridge Police Court before Mr. Tassell, Dr. George Danluc, Eccles and Dr. Kenneth Noel Purkis, both attached to Bermondsey Hospital, Lower-road, Rotherhithe, were summoned for cruelty in treating a cat at the hospital.

Mr. Gordon Jones, prosecuting, said that his suggestion was that the doctors, coming home early one morning, had attacked the cat because it stole some sandwiches, and because it scratched one of them they killed it.

Olive Ray, housemaid at the hospital, said she found the mess room in disorder when she went in one morning last month. A cat was broken off the table, a saucer was broken, the tongs and poker were bent, and there were blood-stains in several parts of the room.

The cat, a ginger one, she said, was originally given to the Matron, but her dog bit it. It disappeared, and when it returned it was moody and lame, and, in her opinion, should have been destroyed had it not got better.

Dr. Robert Hartley, Medical Superintendent of the hospital, said that he had known the ginger cat for over three years. In consequence of what he was told he inspected the mess room and asked the staff for an explanation. Dr. Purkis, volunteered one, and said that he and another man, whom he later said was Dr. Eccles, went to the mess room at 5 a.m. A plate of sandwiches on the table had been disturbed and some were on the floor. As the cat seemed wild, they thought it best to kill it and after it had attacked Dr. Eccles they killed it as mercifully as they could. The cat's body was found in the shrubbery later.

Sidney Bennett, an inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., said that he saw both defendants in the presence of Dr. Hartley, and Dr. Purkis made a signed statement. He (witness) asked Dr. Eccles to show him his injured hand, and he did so.

Captain Piesie, veterinary surgeon, said that the cat had a fractured shoulder blade and a number of bruises. No single one of the injuries would have caused death, which was due to heart failure from shock.

Both the doctors denied that there was any unnecessary cruelty, and said that the cat appeared to be mad, and they thought that, in the best interests of the patients, it should be destroyed. There had been a recent case in which a cat had attacked a patient.

Mr. Tassell dismissed the summonses.

SWIMMING SPEED.

A NEW RECORD BY
AUSTRALIAN.

Brisbane, Jan. 21.
The Queensland swimming record for the quarter mile has been broken in the Australian Championships, by Jones (West Australia), whose time was 5 minutes, 23.2/5 seconds.—Reuter.

MODERN BRIDGE-BUILDING.

NEW METHODS IN GERMANY.

In the building of bridges nowadays it is not so much the cost of the bridgework itself which is determinative of the entire expenditure. On the contrary, the erection of the bridge, the fitting together of the various parts, constitutes a most decisive factor. Consequently, not only the contractors themselves, but also the State and the municipal and other public authorities are closely concerned in restricting the costs of the erection; their mutual efforts are aimed at introducing methods which may serve to reduce those costs. Nor can it be denied that essential improvements have been effected in the contrivances used for erecting bridges, or that our engineers continue to make every endeavour to simplify and cheapen still further the process of bridge-building.

A noticeable case is the absolutely new method adopted in removing an old structure and building a recently completed and highly interesting railway bridge across the Northern Elb, the broad main arm of which here, above Hamburg, is a very large river.

To obtain satisfactory results, the erecting contrivances and the erecting process must be adapted to the circumstances of the situation. In the case just referred to, which concerned a three-span bridge of large dimensions, two tower slewing cranes were employed. As compared with the usual manual process, the advantages of this novel crane were considerable, an essential saving of costs being effected. The number of labourers was reduced by 16, which meant a saving of 130 marks per day. In addition a saving was made in the material handled. About 6 marks per ton was saved in the breaking up of the old bridge and 5 marks per ton in constructing the new one. The two cranes combined enabled 60 tons of ironwork to be fitted together per day. Hence, in removing 2,200 tons of structure and erecting 5,400 tons of new material, the total saving on material may be estimated at 47,000 marks, being 27,000 marks, plus 20,000 marks. This illustrates the essential benefits accruing to the public authorities in whose service the cranes are used.

The cranes in question were specially constructed for the building of the Elb bridges, but a modification of their carriages would make them serviceable for erecting other bridges.

The new cranes consist of a replaceable carriage and a revolving superstructure as "usual in other cranes. They are fitted with 4 wheels to travel along rails supported by wooden sleepers on the top flange of the bridge. The carriage is contrived in such a way as to adapt itself readily to the slopes of the bridge. The crane is electrically operated, its movements being directed from the hut attached to one of its arms.

The aggregate weight of the crane is about 87 tons. Its lifting capacity is 12.5 tons where the radius (length of hoisting arm) is 9.5 meters and 9 tons where it is 12.5 meters. In every position, the load is securely held, hoisting gear being fitted with a brake-work.

MOUNTED INFANTRY.

DINNER AT VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS.

Members of the Mounted Infantry Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps and their friends were at dinner at the Volunteer Headquarters on Friday when thirty members and guests were present. After dinner the health of the guests was proposed by Major Dowbiggin and was replied to by Lt. Col. Bird and Dr. Pierce Grove, who represented the Fanling Hunt.

Lt. H. C. Macnamara then presented Staff-Sergeant Shadbolt, R. A. V. C., with a silver cigarette box, suitably inscribed, on behalf of all the members of the Mounted Infantry Company in appreciation of his work with the ponies. The ponies are under the special care of Staff-Sergeant Shadbolt and the improvement in their condition has been remarkable, attracting the favourable comments of those who have seen them taking part in various hunts and races at Fanling.

The speeches were followed by a concert organized by C. S. M. Charles and Sergeant Potts, Mr. Fleming being at the piano. The various items were much appreciated.

YOUTH COMMITTED.

SEQUEL TO SCUFFLE AT
CHINA BUILDING.

On Saturday morning, Lo Ching, a student of St. Paul's College, was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions on a charge of manslaughter of Ho Kwong-hoi, another student of the same College.

It is alleged that the deceased youth died as a consequence of a blow inflicted by the defendant on the deceased in the course of a quarrel at the South China Athletic Association on Christmas Day.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell indicated that bail would be reduced to \$500 in bonds. Previously defendant had been granted bail in the sum of \$500 in cash and \$500 bonds.

Mr. Turner stated that in view of his Worship's statement on Friday that a jury was unlikely to convict on the evidence, he (Mr. Turner) thought the proper course would be to discharge the defendant and he asked Mr. Lindsell to make a note to that effect. His Worship made the note.

ed by an electro-magnet. This brake acts automatically so soon as the current is interrupted, and consequently guarantees safety.

It is impossible here to discuss in detail the innovations introduced in the tower slewing cranes; but their essential character and the exemplary results obtained in the building of the big Elb bridges have aroused the greatest interest both among experts and non-experts; consequently they fully deserve to be made generally known for the purpose of promoting economy in bridge-building.—Fr. Woeste.

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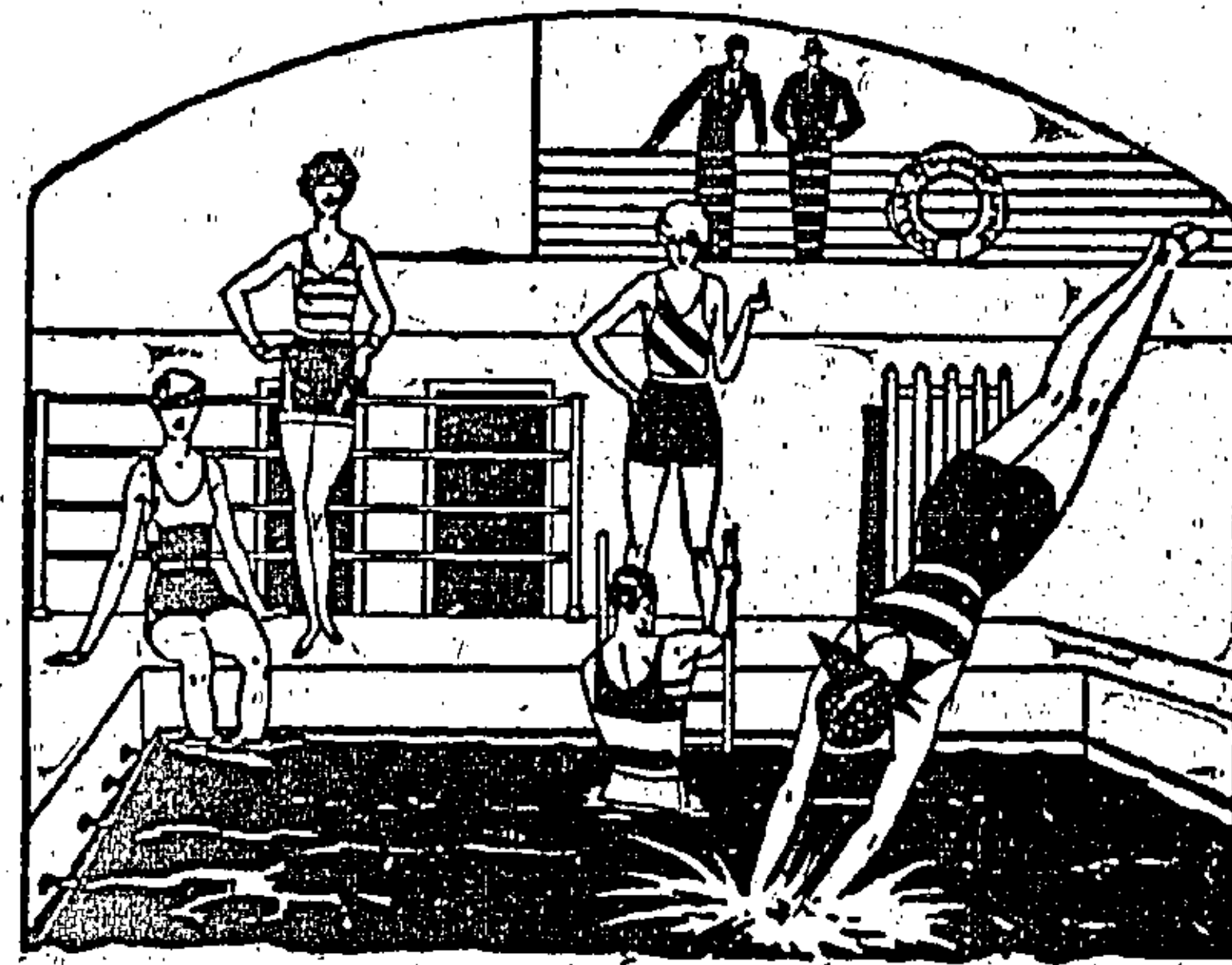
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BRITAIN'S NAVY.

DISARMAMENT SACRIFICES ARE EMPHASISED.

London, Jan. 21.

The Daily Telegraph welcomes the emphasis which the British memorandum on the League places on the view that the question dealt with is severely practical and it recapitulates the actual steps which Britain has taken by way of a bilateral security pact. The resorts will be to arbitration and voluntary disarmament to achieve the purposes which the Commission of the League of Nations was established to advance.

The Times says the memorandum will be a helpful guide to all future British representatives at the League. It also points out that Britain's difficulty in doing more, is that she has already done so much. This country undertook explicit obligations of a nature which other nations have shown less readiness to assume; also in arbitration she has submitted more cases of major importance to decision by an arbitral tribunal than any other country. By arbitration in the Alabama case, the Alaskan Boundary case, the Dogger Bank case, and the Iran frontier case, precedents are being built up which in themselves may do more to establish the system of arbitration than many treaties.

In the matter of disarmament, which is so closely associated by the League with security and arbitration, the same difficulty now faces Great Britain, that she has already done all that she can properly do. Most notably is this the case with the limitation of naval armaments. So swiftly and so thoroughly did Great Britain disarm after the war, that her sacrifices are in danger of being forgotten.

Before the meeting of the Washington Conference she voluntarily destroyed between 600, and 700 vessels of war. At the time of the Armistice, the British Empire had a navy which outnumbered the combined fleets of the United States, France, Italy and Japan. Without making bargains with other nations, she scrapped half of it. Then came the Washington Conference, and the British representatives agreed at once to further great reductions. Ship after ship that had cost millions of pounds, and that had served the country at Jutland was broken up, or sent to the bottom of the sea. There is no need to laud unduly the British action. It was regarded at the time, and is still regarded, as a policy of economy and commonsense, natural to the inauguration of an era of peace. But it should not be forgotten or belittled.—British Wireless.

Paris, Jan. 21.
 The new Soviet Ambassador is reported to have made a clean sweep of all French Communists employed on the Embassy staff, substituting Russians.—Reuter.

Malta, Jan. 21.
 Sir Alan and Lady Cobham, who have been held up here since November 26 last owing to a series of accidents, have restarted on their round-Africa flight.—Reuter.

FARADAY MEDAL.

AWARD TO INVENTOR OF THE RADIO VALVE.

London, Jan. 21.

The Council of the Institution of Electrical Engineers have awarded to Professor Fleming the Faraday Medal, for his conspicuous service to the advancement of electrical science. Professor Fleming is well known as the inventor of the first wireless valve, and has played a notable part in the development of the great applications of electrical science.—British Wireless.

SUGAR ALLOTMENTS.

CUBAN DECREE ADOPTS CROP RESTRICTION.

Havana, Jan. 21.

The President of Cuba has signed a sugar decree, confirming the report of the National Sugar Defence Committee recommending the fixing of the 1927-28 sugar crop at four million tons, of which 3,300,000 tons will be allotted to the United States, 150,000 tons to home consumption, and the balance for export to various countries.—Reuter's American Service.

COTTON FINISHING.

REDUCTION IN COST TO BE INTRODUCED.

London, Jan. 21.

The bleachers section of the Lancashire cotton trade has decided to make reductions varying from 2s. to 10s. per 40-yards in the finishing cost of heavier cotton cloths.

Sir Kenneth Stewart, discussing the reduction, thought it would particularly benefit the China market.—Reuter.

FIRE AT TOKYO.

SOVIET TRADE OFFICES INVOLVED.

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

For the third time within the last few days, fire broke out at the office of the Soviet Trade Commissioner. Incendiaries are suspected. Firemen were able to put out the conflagration before any serious damage was done.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S TARIFFS.

OPPOSITION EXPRESSES DRY MASS MEETING.

Osaka, Jan. 21.

A mass meeting was held last night in the Public Hall to oppose the tariff on pig iron, steel bars, cotton yarns wool tops, yarn, pieces of lumber, etc.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 21.
 Sir Gerald Strickland has assumed the title of Baron Strickland of Sizer Castle, Westmoreland.—Reuter.

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NEW YEAR WEDDING.

ZANATTI-DA SILVA.

The marriage of Miss Maria Cecilia Nolasco da Silva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. N. da Silva of Hongkong to Lieut. Mario Ribeiro da Costa Zanatti, of the Portuguese gunboat Patria, took place at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday afternoon.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Dom Jose da Costa Nunes, Bishop of Macao, Father Riganti being at the organ. The bridesmaids were Misses. Barbosa, Albuquerque, Alves and Barretto.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a Paris model of white georgette, heavily embroidered with pearls, and silver beads. She carried a spray of white Eucharist lilies. The bridesmaid's dresses were of pale blue tulle over blue georgette. They carried posies of pink and white roses.

The bride's mother wore a gown of black georgette over green crepe de chine, her coat being of pan velvet trimmed with fur.

The best men were the Portuguese Consul, Mr. Albuquerque de Castro and Mr. C. A. da Rosa.

There was a large gathering at the Church, including many well known Portuguese residents and officers from the transport Pero D'Alemquer at present in the harbour, and the gunboat Patria.

A reception was held later at Shomcliffe, Garden Road, when numerous friends, including Mme. and Mlle. Barbosa, were present. Later the bride and bridegroom left for Repulse Bay and Fanning. Mrs. Zanatti's going away dress being of boi de rose trimmed with beaver and hat to match.

Upon his return to Macao, Lieut. Zanatti will take up his appointment of A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor.

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NELLORE	6,853	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KIDDERPORE	5,334	29th Feb.	Straits & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,185	10th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'warp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	M's, L'don, A'warp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'warp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
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KHIVA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
KARMALA	9,128	11th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
TALAMBA	8,018	12th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,006	20th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
NAGORE	5,283	13th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yok.
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yok.
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
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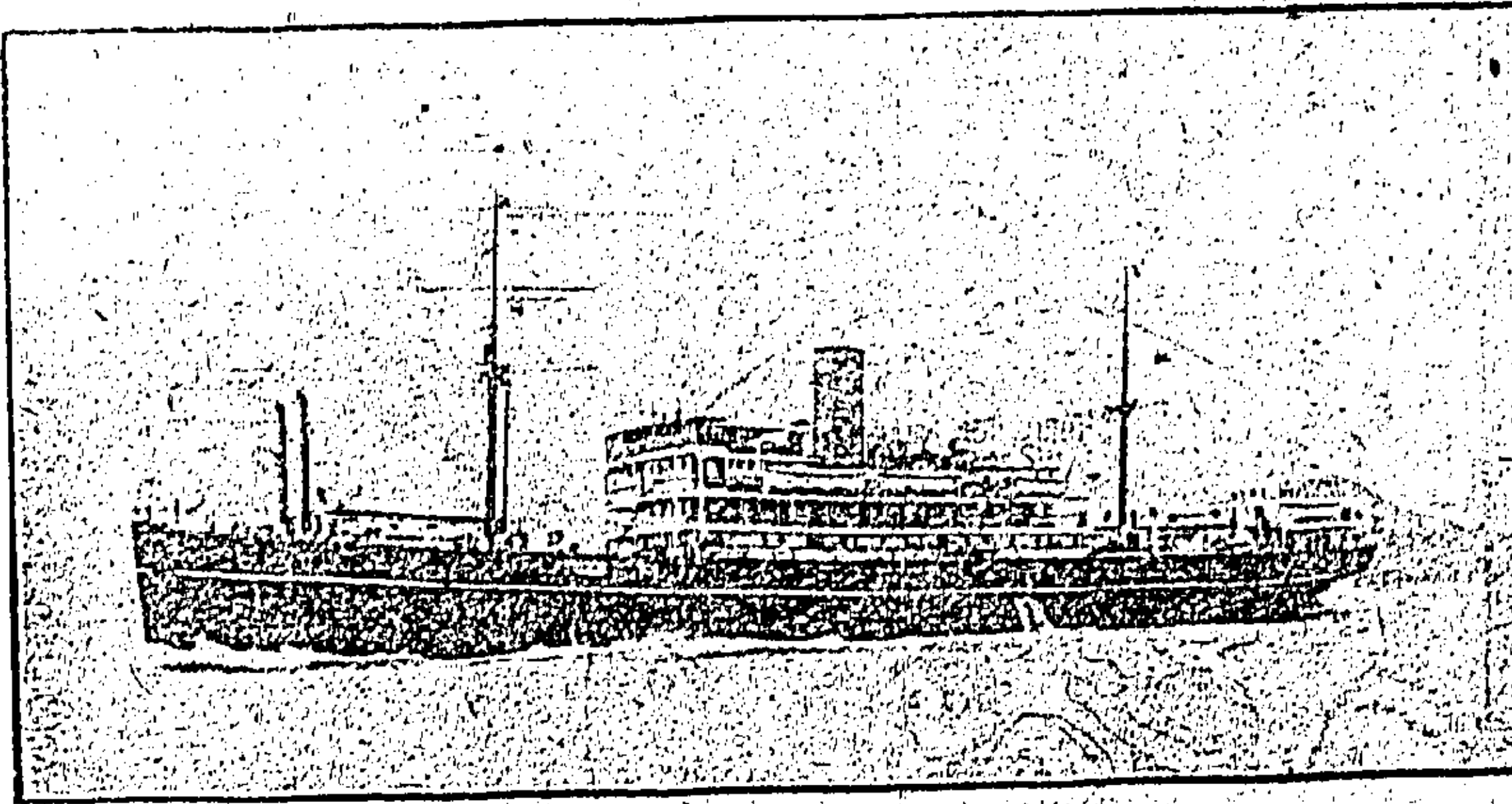
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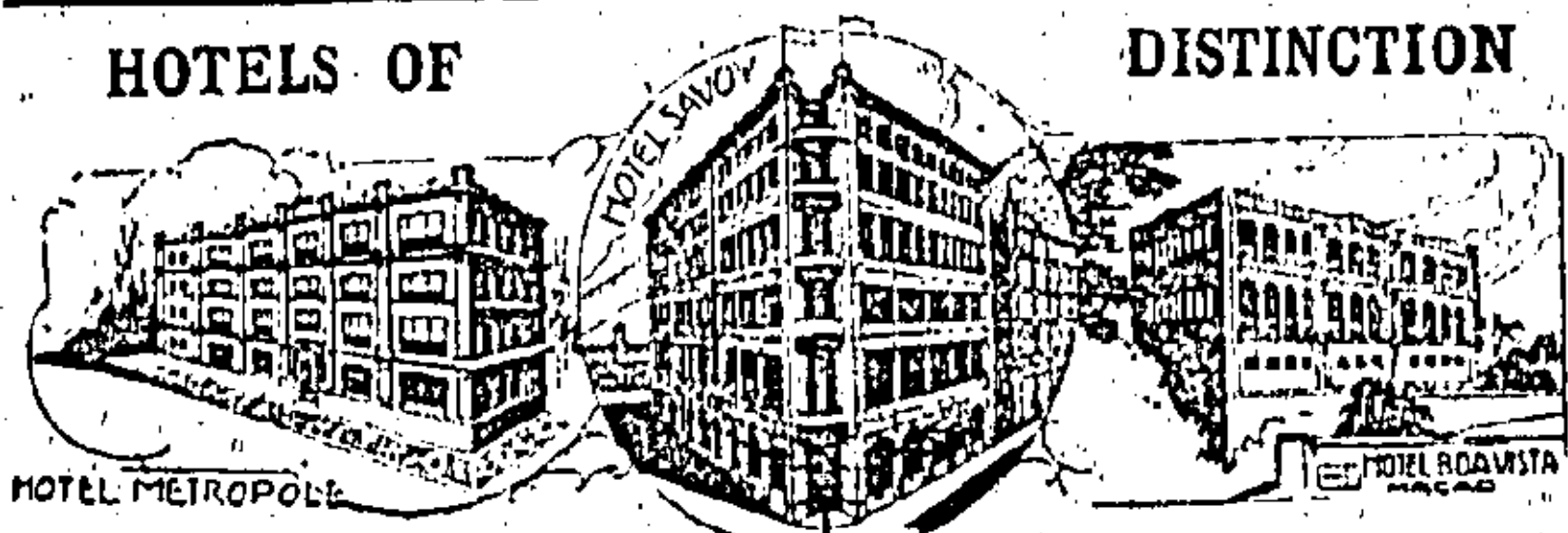
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ITEMS FROM THE ANNUAL
REPORT.

The annual report of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. states that after providing for depreciation there is a credit balance on the year's Accounts, including \$133,156 12s. 9d. brought forward from last year of \$918,001 0s. 11d., against \$910,096 6s. 3d. in the previous year.

Regarding the Company's fleet, it is stated that the Nyanza has been sold at a price in excess of her book value, and the difference will be passed to credit of the depreciation account for the rest of the fleet. The Narkunda has been converted from coal to oil burning, as foreshadowed in last year's report, and this ship is now on her first voyage after refitting. The results of the change from coal to oil have proved to be entirely satisfactory. The Naldera will be altered from coal to oil burning as soon as possible.

New 19,000-ton Boat.

The Directors have recently contracted with Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons of Glasgow for an up-to-date passenger steamer of 19,000 tons, and they have decided to fit this ship with turbo-electric driven engines, which it is considered show greater economy than other types of machinery of similar power. The ship will carry a large number of 1st and 2nd saloon passengers, and will have space for about 6,000 tons of measurement cargo. Small insulated chambers will be fitted in the same way as in vessels of the Ranchi class.

The Company's house at Brindisi, Palazzo Montenegro, no longer required, and which in fact was a source of expense, has been sold to the Brindisi Municipality. The Agent's residence and Assistant's house at the Peak at Hongkong, also no longer required by the Company, and which were costly to maintain, have been sold, all without loss to the Company.

Different Conditions.

Business conditions generally during the last twelve months have been difficult, and have called for unceasing efforts on the part of the Management to maintain the Company's position.

The trade to and from China has been seriously injured by the civil war which has gone on there for the past twelve months, and until this comes to an end there can be no revival in trade with that country.

The general trade to Japan has declined.

As regards India, there is nothing particular to report. The freight earnings have been fair and the passage returns have been maintained, but Bombay has lost some of its trade through certain fiscal arrangements with the Kathiawar States having enabled these States to get goods at lower rates of duty than if they were imported through Bombay. It is understood that this anomaly is in course of rectification by the Government of India.

THE PHILIPPINES
QUESTION.NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON
INDEPENDENCE.

JAPAN A DANGER.

Havana, Jan. 23.

At the Pan-American Conference, a pointed reference to Japan was made by Mr. H. L. Stimson, Governor-General-Elect of the Philippines, who said he believed in eventual self-government for the Philippines, but did not favour absolute independence. He said the islands were over-populated and the people were civilized by the "longorous climate," while neighbouring lands were populated by an energetic and warlike people. If the Philippines secured absolute independence they would almost certainly be annexed by a more powerful neighbour. — *Reuter's American Service.*

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

TWO MATCHES ON
SATURDAY.

Arriving at Kowloon one man short, the University were heavily defeated by the home team. Dismissing them for the small score of 68 (Goodwin 6 for 22), Kowloon went on to make 213 for the loss of seven wickets. Bruce, who hit 20 in one over, including a six, off Lee) making 71. Ramsey contributed 49.

The Police defeated the Hongkong Electric by seven wickets. The Electric were all out for 31, and the Police passed this total with three wickets down, eventually making 62 for nine. Alexander and Baker for the winners and Morduck for the Electric bowled well.

SPIRIT OF RUGBY.

THE UNION COMMITTEE AND
PLAYER WRITERS.

The Rugby Union Committee at a meeting in London recently passed the following resolution in regard to players writing for the Press:

That the practice of players writing articles and reports on matches is contrary to the spirit of Rugby football; the Committee hope that it will be discontinued, and that it will not be necessary for them to take further action.

The Scottish Rugby Union last season adopted a rule prohibiting any members of their affiliated clubs and Scottish players from writing reports of matches for newspapers.

The Company's revenue has been obtained by its widely-spread interests, and what it may have lost in one direction it has gained in others.

CHILDREN'S TASTE
IN ART.PAUCITY OF GOOD PICTURES
IN SCHOOLS.

"In our survey of existing representations we have been struck by the paucity of reproductions of good modern pictures of breezy landscapes and seascapes." This statement is made by the Committee, appointed by the President of the Board of Education to consider the guiding principles in the selection of pictures for Public Elementary Schools, in their report which has just been issued.

They mention a dozen or more British artists, including Arnesby Brown, Lamorna Birch, Glyn Philpot, Cayley Robinson, and David Murray, more examples of whose work they would like to see. They state that there are many pictures hanging on the walls of our schools that are nothing short of travesties of the artist's technique.

Children, the report observes, are far more catholic in their liking for pictures than is often supposed, and the few experiments made go to show that their natural and unguided judgment is surprisingly sound. It is only later that their taste deteriorates.

Much good work has been done by voluntary agencies and various committees in the way of furnishing suitable school pictures, but the position, the present Committee consider, is still far from satisfactory.

It will assist the teacher in cultivating understanding among his children if the wall pictures are chosen on a plan corresponding roughly to the natural development of taste in children, the report states. "The London Infants' School child, for instance, is not generally interested in the bold, decorative landscape poster, but loves the detail of a poster such as 'St. Pancras Station.'"

The picture which is to be used as an aid to the teaching of a subject, the Committee consider, must be predominantly scientific or photographic in treatment, while the picture to be used as a means of training in taste must be predominantly imaginative.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

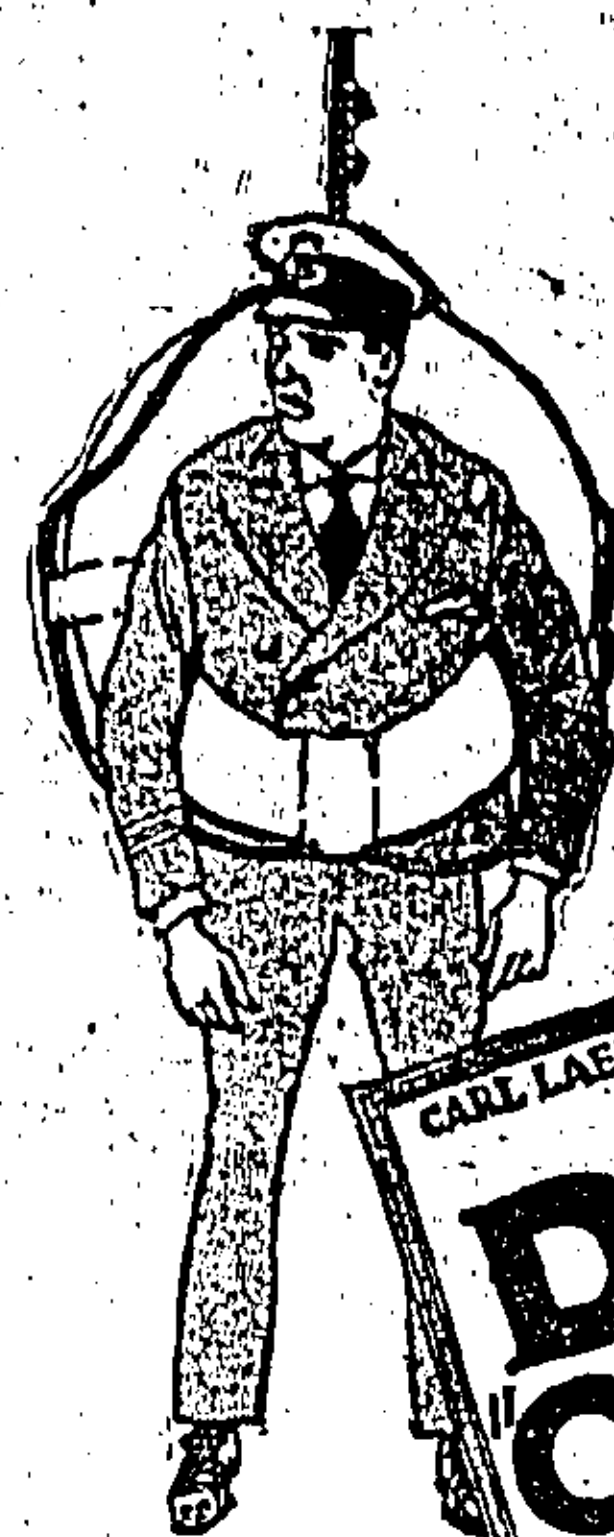
The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Schiller's new comet. 2. The legendary site of King Arthur's Court. 3. (a) Earl of Portsmouth, (b) Lord Ashcombe, (c) Lord Saxe and Selk, (d) Lord Glenlyon, (e) Lord Rayleigh. 4. Otter has five toes, dog has four. 5. (a) Surrey, (b) Lewisham in S.E. London, (c) Devon, (d) Gloucester. 6. Mesopotamian king, probably about 5500 B.C. "Good Hero of the Land." 7. The wings underneath the large outer cases are shaped like an ear. The old name was "ear-wings." 8. A prayer for the souls of benefactors. 9. An Act was passed in the thirty-third year of Henry VIII's reign "for maintaining artillery and deterring unlawful games" such games diminished archery and shooting with the long bow. 10. The Right Hon. Viscount Cranston of Stormont, M.P. 11. A jockey. 12. St. Chrysostom, because of his eloquence.

GOAT GETTERS.

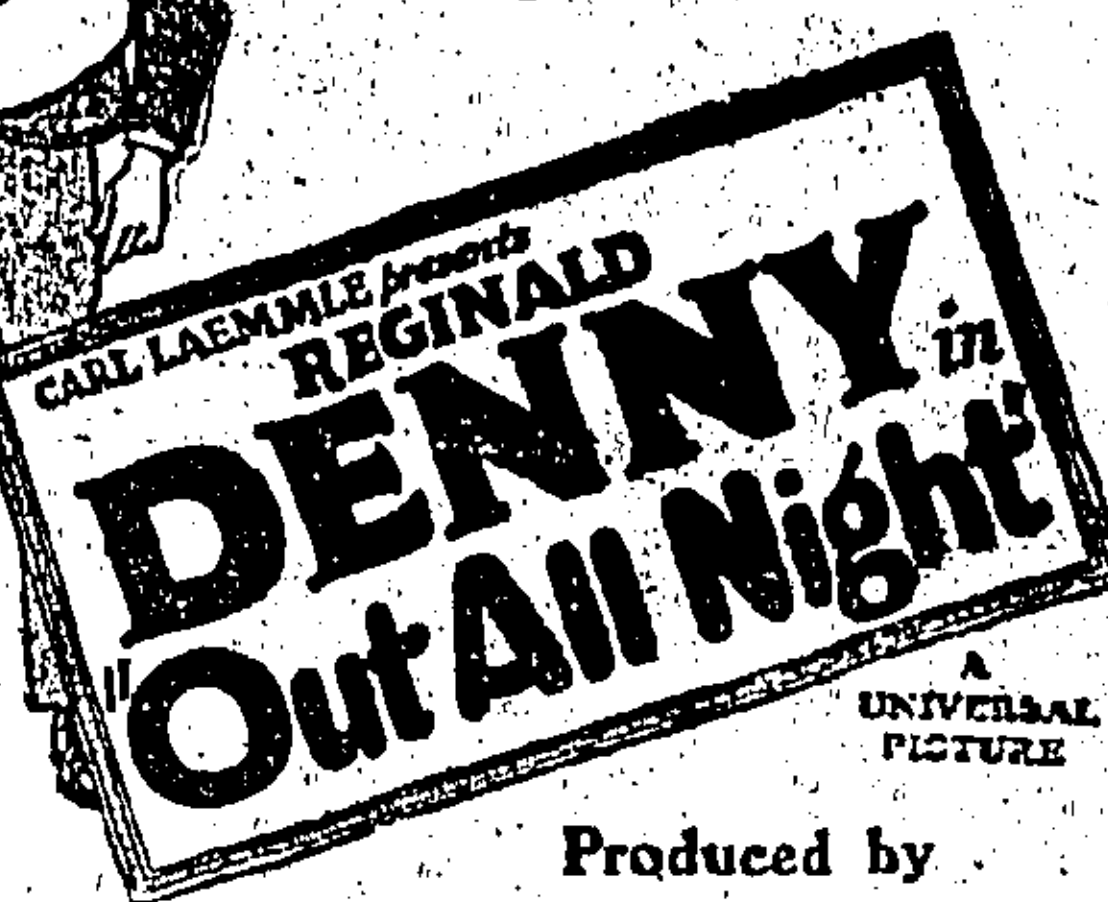


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